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Over 50,000 Overseas Chinese Stranded In China Today

MASARYK "QUOTED"

London, Mar. 6.
Mpscow Radio quoted
Czech Foreign Minister
Jan Masaryk today as say-
ing he favoured an alliance
with Russia. According to a
Prague dispatch, Masaryk
was reported to have said:
"My place is with the
Czech people to whom I
am devoted. Our security
can only be guaranteed by
an alliance with the Soviet
Union and our place there-
fore is always at the
latter's side."—United Press.

Soong On Clean-Up Campaign

Canton, Mar. 7.
Dr. T. V. Soong says that in
four months banditry in South
China will be wiped out and
reconstruction can start on a
large scale.
Speaking to the District Rotary
conference, he said bandits—which
presumably include pirates and
Communists—have been cleared from
South and North Kwangtung, Canton
and the Hsin Hai area.
The worst spot still remaining is
near the Fukien border.
"I have just visited Shanghai and
Nanking and found the situation
there discouraging. But what we
witness is the darkness before the
dawn," he said.
Soong said American relief rice
will help the food problem in South
China.
Speaking of student unrest, he
said he is acting on a suggestion of
British Consul General Ronald A.
Hall on plans for a civil service for
Kwangtung to permit graduates to
get Government jobs.—Associated
Press.

Chamonix, Mar. 6.
Anneliese Schuf Proxner, of
Austria, today won the women's
downhill race in the Alpine
combined competition at the
Kandahar ski meet. She was
timed at 2:12.3 over the 2500
metre course. Trude Blaser of
Austria was second and Rhoda
Wurtz of Canada tied for third.—United Press.

American Industry Wants A 'Share'

Washington, Mar. 6.
A U.S. House of Representatives Committee said
on Saturday that American industry should
have a chance to operate in British colonies.
Representatives John C. Kunkel, Republican, and
Francis E. Walter, Democrat, both of Pennsylv-
vania, in their report on the economic re-
covery of the United Kingdom also said:

"Western hemisphere nations
should meet to decide how they
can give most aid to United King-
dom recovery. Western European
nations should include defensive
and political agreements in their
joint recovery efforts."

In suggesting that colonies be
opened to business backed by
American private capital, the
committee said this would help
to provide dollars for British use
in international trade.

The committee said "the charges
of discrimination or alleged en-
courage of practices involving such
investments might be referred to
a mutually acceptable interna-
tional tribunal."

The report also said that in
moving toward a union of western
European nations, the develop-
ment of the colonies of those
nations should be considered.
The committee criticized United
Kingdom exports to non-Euro-
pean nations of items needed in
Western Europe.

It said: "Naturally the United
Kingdom should not be prevent-

Nanking, Mar. 6.
More than 50,000 overseas Chinese are stranded in
China waiting to return to their former homes,
practically all in Far Eastern areas, Liu Wei-
chih, chairman of the Overseas Chinese Af-
fairs Commission, told the United Press today.
He said the bulk of this number formerly lived
in the Philippines and Burma. They have been
prevented from returning to their homes be-
cause of post-war restrictions imposed by those
two countries.

Liu said that out of a total of
\$2,371 Chinese who had registered
with the Government for return
to their pre-war homes, only
25,339 are so far on record as hav-
ing returned to the Far Eastern
areas from which they fled. He
stressed that these figures represented
only the number who had registered
with the Government. There are be-
lieved to be many more thousands
who did not register.

The stranded Chinese are crowded
into the port cities of Amoy, Swatow,
Hankow and Hong Kong, where
many of them depend entirely on
the over-taxed Government relief
agencies for food and shelter while
awaiting apparently hopeless re-
patriation efforts.

"Most of them have lived all their
lives overseas," Liu said, "and they
have no other homes. The refusal
to allow them to return has worked
a great hardship on them."

Objections

Inadequate housing facilities and
limited food resources are the main
objections which have been raised by
the countries who have opposed the
return of former Chinese residents.
They have also cited lack of proper
passport or documentary evidence of
pre-war residency as further cause
for delay.

Since many Chinese evacuated
their overseas countries after Jap-
anese occupation, the number whose
documents are not in order is very
large, Liu added.
The Philippines, which has re-
fused entry to almost 9,000
former Chinese residents, has re-
fused even to consider applications
from those who left the islands prior
to outbreak of the war. The Manila
Government, according to Liu, has
taken the position that only genuine
refugees—those who left on Decem-
ber 7, 1941—are eligible to return.

Burma

Over 25,000 former Chinese re-
sidents of Burma are still waiting
repatriation. The Burmese Govern-
ment has blamed the delay on in-
adequate facilities as a result of
various destructions. The Chinese
Government, however, feels that
political considerations also have
been involved.

The Government here hopes that
since Burmese independence has been
achieved that the Rangoon Govern-
ment will expedite entry permits for
the thousands of Chinese waiting to
return.

Neither the Siamese or Malayan
Governments placed any restrictions
on Chinese who desired to return
after the war, and with the aid of
UNRRA, the majority who fled from
those areas have gone back.

Indo-China similarly permitted
free entry but, unsettled conditions in
Indochina has made protection of
Chinese there a constant problem,
and the Dutch Government has dis-
couraged Chinese from returning.—
United Press.

Charges Dropped, Convicted!

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
In spite of the fact that the
Manila District Court had dropped
its charges against him, Soo
Van Lay, a 35-year old, Fukienese,
was convicted and sentenced to
15 years imprisonment in the
Shanghai District Court yester-
day for implication in the kid-
napping of Li An-tai in Manila
on December 8, 1946.

After consulting his defence
counsel, Soo decided to appeal.
On the grounds that the same
charges against him had been
quashed by the Manila court.
Soo was arrested on March 13
last year on information from the
Manila judicial authorities on
a charge of participating in the
kidnapping of Li An-tai, son of
a wealthy Chinese business-
man in Manila, for whom the
accused worked as a chauffeur.

As the real culprits were later
rounded up by the Manila police,
and, after a full investigation,
Soo was found to have nothing to
do with the crime, the local
authorities were notified accord-
ingly.—Reuter.

RADIO

2300, Hong Kong broadcasting on a
frequency of 418 kilocycles from 12.30
to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m.,
and also on 5.55 megacycles in the 21
metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 6.30 to
7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.
H.K.T.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—A. L. H. Variety Programme
with Steve Conway (Voice).
1.00 p.m.—Ray, Kenny and His
Hawaiians.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and
Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:
The London Radio Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.05 p.m.—Studio: Hospital Request
Half Hour. Presented by Eileen
Holmes-Drew.
4.30 p.m.—Studio: Portuguese, Half
Hour.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and
Radio News.
7.15 p.m.—Studio: Jill Lapper Talks on
Films.
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I
Like." Presented by Elaine Ward.
8.00 p.m.—Calling Rex, Furber and
His Ork. with Anna. With
(Voice).
8.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:
"Horoscope" (Continued).
8.25 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:
"Song" for You. Presented by
Kenny.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.10 p.m.—Weekend Report.
9.15 p.m.—Studio: "A Talk—You and
Your Capabilities" by E. A. Watson.
9.25 p.m.—Saint-Saens: Carnival of
the Animals. Conducted by the
Philharmonic Orchestra.
9.45 p.m.—Studio: "What is Art
For?" For the spirit. A Discus-
sion between Rex, Nelson and Rex
bert Reid.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News
Hour.
10.15 p.m.—"Something for Everybody."
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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PRICILLA
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HAVE PLANT
ON HER!

VAUFINE, NEW ENGLAND FAMILY, BUT SHE WENT
BAD, YOUNG, IN BOARDING SCHOOL, APPARENTLY
MONEY HUNGRY, SHORTLY LIFTING, BLACED
THE BADGER GAME, NEARLY EVERY CRIME IN
THE BOOKS, NOW SHE'S WANTED IN SIX STATES.

DEPARTMENT OF
IDENTIFICATION

BY ALEX RAYMOND

Shanghai Rentals Decision

Phoenix Divorce

Phoenix, Ariz., Mar. 6.
Mrs. Viola Grinditch, 24,
heiress to a portion of the
Gold, railroad, millions,
won her contested divorce
suit and custody of two
children after her husband,
William H. Grinditch,
charged his wife was guilty
of misconduct with the son
of a Phoenix banker.—
United Press.

Life Is Freer In China

San Francisco, Mar. 6.
"China, under dictatorship,
actually has more freedom
than we have in America," a
Shanghai-Los Angeles exporter
told newsmen on his return to
the United States today.

But he did not view the excess of
freedom as beneficial.
"If simply results from a break-
down of law enforcement," Robert
W. Squire said.
"It is only another case of what
General Albert Wedemeyer would
term 'lack of management.' Student
riots and strike demonstrations are
examples of this."

"Mr. Squire who buys for 34 of
the largest department stores in the
United States, says he agrees with
Wedemeyer that China needs man-
agement to make it a prosperous
country. But he insists this should
be business rather than military
management.—Associated Press.

Committee Jibs

Washington, Mar. 5.
The Republican-dominated House
of Representatives Appropriations
Committee refused today to mix in
to the Civil Rights fight.

It turned down in a private ses-
sion a sub-committee recommenda-
tion that Congress withhold Federal
money for hospital buildings and
vocational education from States that
deny negroes equal education and
job opportunities.

The full committee's last minute
action was unusual. Sub-committee
almost always win their point in
the committee.—Reuter.

The Coming Week In Parliament

London, Mar. 6.
An all-party exploratory meeting, to be held in
London next week, may decide whether a
fully reformed House of Lords is likely to
emerge from the present Parliament.
The Lords reform, if adopted, is likely to involve
a second chamber of 300 members instead of
the present 800, who are largely Conservative.
Of the 300, half would probably be hereditary
peers, elected by their fellows, and the other
half House of Commons nominees, chosen for
the value of their public services.

Whatever form the revised
chamber may take, it is certain
that the Government will still in-
sist upon cutting the peers pre-
sent power of delaying legislation
from two years to one or 15
months at the most.

The key to the success of the
negotiations will be the opposi-
tion's eventual acceptance or re-
jection of the plan to cut the
Lords' power of delay.
The Conservative leader, Mr.
Winston Churchill, is expected to
produce some of his old thunder
when he speaks in a debate on
the Navy estimates on Monday.
The Conservative disapproval of
the reduction of the British naval
strength and Mr. Churchill is ex-
pected to be critically analytical
on the effect of the estimates on
Commonwealth defence.

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
Rentals in Shanghai were
fixed at 7,000 times the 1937
figure for residential leases
and 9,000 times for business
offices at a stormy session of
the Shanghai City Council last
night.

The new scheme comes into force
from March 1 and is revisable in
six months.

The long drawn-out debate on
the vexed question of rental came
to a climax last evening after pre-
vious motions recommending the
freezing of rental at the December,
1937, figure, and opposing the setting
of a ceiling on rental had gone down
to defeat.

Sixty-four of the 100 Councillors
present voted for the new scheme,
which, in effect, means a reverse
for the local landlords, who have
been demanding that rental be fixed
on the cost of living index issued by
the municipal authorities.

While the Council's resolution can-
not be enforced as law yet, there
is every indication that speedy ac-
tion will be taken to have it pro-
mulgated and implemented.—Reuter.

New Air Service

A joint arrangement between
Pan American World Airways,
Pacific-Alaska Division, and
Southwest Airways whereby
passengers may fly to Honolulu
from any city on "Southwest's"
route for the established Pan
American San Francisco-Hono-
lulu fare of \$160. Is an-
nounced by Harvey Hancock,
PAA director of traffic and
public relations. The agree-
ment will become effective
March 13.

"Southwest," a feeder line,
extends from Los Angeles to
Medford, Oregon, stopping at
22 communities en route. These
stations include Oxnard, Santa
Barbara, Santa Maria, San
Luis Obispo, Coalinga, Mon-
terey, Santa Cruz, Watsonville,
San Jose, San Francisco, Oak-
land, Sacramento, Marysville,
Chico, Red Bluff, Redding,
Dunsmuir, Yreka, Santa Rosa,
Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Eureka.
Passengers boarding north of
Sacramento must take the
"Clipper" from San Francisco,
Hancock said. Those who leave
from cities south of San Fran-
cisco may fly to Honolulu
from either San Francisco or
Los Angeles.

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" 1351 to 1700 Tuesday " 9th
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POUND, BUT NOT MORE THAN THE QUANTITY SPECI-
FIED ON THE CARD CAN BE OBTAINED IN ANY ONE
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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting is postponed to Tuesday, 9th March 1948 at 5.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A., Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

Agenda: — To receive reports and accounts for the past year.

To review and, if thought fit, revise the constitution and policy of the Association.

To elect officers.

T. P. WU, Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
Hoo-z Kong, 20th Feb. 1948.
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the thirty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank Building, on Friday, the 19th March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 5th March, 1948 to the 19th March, 1948 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
25th February, 1948.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hongkong on Wednesday, 24th day of March, 1948, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 10th to the 24th day of March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1948.

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Abdullah El Wazir Disclaims Responsibility For Murder

Cairo, Mar. 6.

Imam Abdullah El Wazir, who proclaimed himself ruler of the Yemen after the overthrow of the Government on February 18, has disclaimed any responsibility for the murder of his predecessor, Imam Yahya Hamid-Din, the Egyptian weekly newspaper "Akhhbar El Yom" reported today.

The paper claimed to have obtained a report of the Arab League mission, which went to the Yemen to investigate the situation there after the Emir Seif El Islam Ahmed, son of the assassinated ruler, had declared himself "King" in defiance of Imam Abdullah.

In the report, to Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, Imam Abdullah was quoted as saying:

"I swear by Allah and my honour that I did not know of the murder of Yahya until after it was committed. I had nothing to do with it, I did not know about the plot. I did not covet the throne."

The report asserted, according to the "Akhhbar El Yom," that most members of Abdullah El Wazir's Government had condemned the murder and added that members of the Arab League mission were inclined to believe the Imam's assertions.

Other press reports said that the new ruler had rejected the suggestions for a plebiscite and had threatened the Arab League that, failing the recognition of his regime, he would seek foreign aid.

King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia was reported from Aden to have adopted a neutral stand in the dispute between the two claimants to the Yemenite throne, saying that he would abide by the decision of the Arab League.

The Emir Ahmed was still in his mountain refuge today, trying to induce neighbouring tribes to unite with him against Abdullah El Wazir.

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Franco Wouldn't Like It

Brussels, Mar. 6.

The coming Anglo-French-Belgian defence pact will contain statements that "no totalitarian state would very much like to join in," British spokesmen said on Saturday.

These indications were given by Sir George Rendel, Ambassador to Belgium, and Gladwyn Jebb, of the Foreign Office.

One of the questions to be worked out, Jebb told the Associated Press, is to what extent the alliance will be open to other countries.

"We wouldn't exactly be eager to have General Franco join it tomorrow morning," he remarked.

The British delegates said the pact would lay down the general principles of a defensive military alliance. But it would not contain detailed provisions on that score.

Ways and means of implementing it would be left for discussion after the pact, they added. No military advisors are attending.

The conference "was expected to continue at least past the week end," a Belgian source said.—Associated Press.

Quest For Highest Mountain

Shanghai, Mar. 7.

Milton Reynolds, Chicago pen millionaire, arrived in China today in quest for the highest mountain in the world.

Pilot Bill Odum, who flew around the world in record time recently, set the mountain-hunting expedition's big four-engine plane down at Shanghai's Lunghua airport at 3.25 p.m.

A large crowd was there to meet them. Stepping from the plane, Odum said with a smile: "We had a beautiful trip all the way across the Pacific."

The expedition, jointly sponsored by Reynolds and the Boston Museum of Science, will move to Nanking tomorrow morning.

Odum said they expected to arrive at Lanchow, headquarters of China's wild west in a few days. Reynolds and American and Chinese scientists will photograph a peak close to Tibet, which is believed to be the world's highest mountain yet uncharted. Some observers think it is higher than the Everest.—Associated Press.

"Solid South" Hollow?

Philadelphia, Mar. 6.

Carroll Reece, chairman of the Republican National Committee said today there is a "good chance" that five Southern states would go Republican in the Presidential election.

He named the states as Oklahoma, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee, and added the Republicans might even carry some states in the "Deep South."

Southern states — the "Solid South" — have traditionally voted Democratic. Reece said Republican chances in the South would have been good even without a fight in Democratic party ranks over President Truman's civil rights programme.—United Press.

New American Consul-General For Canton

Nanking, Mar. 7.

Raymond Ludden, of Fall River, Mass., First Secretary at the U.S. Embassy, has been appointed Consul-General at Canton. He succeeds Hiram Boucher, who returns to Washington for reassignment.

Mr. Ludden was formerly advisor to the staff of General Joseph Stilwell in China. He served in the Philippines and the Pacific during the war.

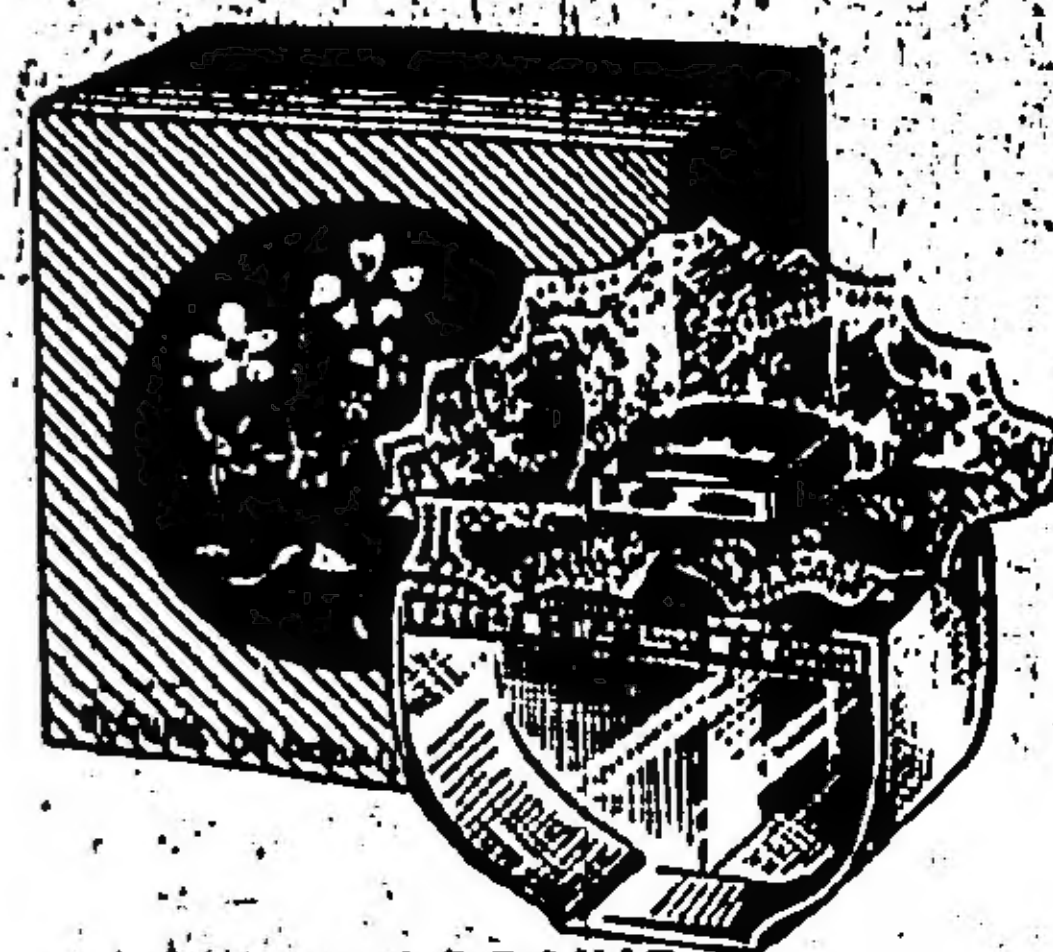
General Strike In Cyprus

Kyrenia, Mar. 6.

Cyprus workers held a general strike today to protest against the shooting of four copper mine strikers by the police last Wednesday.

Forbidden to hold processions, the demonstrators walked through the streets in groups of three, carrying banners with anti-American slogans (the mines are American-owned). The copper mines have been on strike since January 12 for higher wages and a 40-hour week below ground.

Troops were called for Government action against "foreign capitalists." The copper mines have been on strike since January 12 for higher wages and a 40-hour week below ground.



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WESTERN GERMANY DECISION

Big Three End Very Successful Talks

Tri-Zonal Merger Plan

London, Mar. 6. The United States, Britain and France today ended an "extraordinarily successful" conference on Germany by agreeing to included the western Reich in the Marshall Plan, to internationalize the Ruhr and eventually to establish a federated Germany.

The Benelux states were represented at the conference but Russia was not invited. Most of important of the results was that the Big Three moved a step closer to establishing a federal western Germany as part of the envisioned economic union of free western European nations.

Admittedly spurred by the Communist moves in Czechoslovakia and Finland, the Big Three conferees agreed to recommend to their various countries:

1. That western Germany have a full part in the Marshall Plan in order to assure the "political and economic well-being of the countries of western Europe." American sources said the occupation authorities would represent Germany for the time being.

2. That the Ruhr be placed under international control, with Germany given a voice in its administration. There would be safeguards to see that its industrial production would never again be used for war or aggression.

3. That a merger of the American, British and French zones under a "federal form of government with adequate central authority be adapted for the eventual re-establishment of German unity which is now disrupted."

The proposals for associating Germany with the European Recovery Programme will be presented at the meeting of Marshall Plan countries in Paris March 15.

Merger

On the proposed tri-zonal merger, the joint communiqué said "A wide measure of agreement has been reached on a number of controversial points." It said the termination of the present talks is merely a recess and that the conference would be resumed in April to take up security and territorial questions.

The U.S. delegate, Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas, commented: "Within 10 days more progress has been made than during the preceding three years. This has been an extraordinarily successful and fruitful meeting."—United Press.

Welcomed in Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 6. The announcement of the linking of the three zones in economic cooperation among themselves, and with the rest of Europe, in fulfillment of the Marshall Plan programme, was welcomed by Berlin observers.

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It would accomplish the essential step of making the economic rehabilitation of Western Germany a united responsibility. It was felt, while, at the same time, leaving the door ajar for the Soviet Zone's entry if Russia should reconsider her position.

German representation on the possible future international control body for the Ruhr is sure to be welcomed by Germans of all political parties, however bitterly they may regard the prospect of the control itself.

"We are ready and only too eager for the close cooperation with the other Western European States decided on at London," a spokesman of Dr. Kurt Schumacher's Social Democratic Party said at the Party's Hannover headquarters tonight. "There is little we can say at present about the future constitution of the German Government. But centralization is a necessity."—Reuter.

BADMINTON TITLE

London, Mar. 6. Miss Kirsten Thordahl, 10-year-old Dane, took only 13 minutes to win the Women's singles final in the All-England badminton championships at Harringay, London, today, beating her compatriot, Mrs. G. Ahm, by 11/7, 11/0.

In the all-Danish men's singles final, Jørn Skarup beat Poul Holm 15/3, 15/13.—Reuter

National Assembly Controversy

Nanking, Mar. 6. Kuomintang members elected to the National Assembly on party nomination today came out in open denunciation of the Judicial Yuan for giving legal support to the freely elected delegates, declaring its action "unconstitutional and arbitrary."

In an elaborate declaration circulated here, they also attacked Dr. Wang Chung-hui, China's foremost jurist, who framed the constitution, for upholding the position of the Assembly—men elected without the Party's blessing merely on the strength of votes obtained.

Stating that the provisions governing the Party nominations were sanctioned by President Chiang Kai-shek, the State Council and Legislative Yuan, these Kuomintang members said that any inclination to make concessions to freely elected delegates would mean "the abatement of violations of the law of the state" and discipline of the Party.

In reference to this inter-party dispute, which may probably cause a postponement in the National Assembly convocation, the Party sanctioned delegates cited the directive issued on November 12 by President

POP

MY DOCTOR TELLS ME TO DRINK WARM WATER BEFORE DINNER POP!

"Critical" Language

Los Angeles, Mar. 6. The first of several West Coast U.S. Army intelligence units will be created here to study an unspecified "critical" language, Major C. J. Roese announced. The language, whose identity will be kept secret, will be of "tremendous value" in case of an emergency, he said.—United Press.

Tests For Would-Be Candidates?

Hooten, Mar. 6. Examinations for prospective parliamentary candidates was suggested by the Rev. H. Cooke, Vicar of Hooten, Cheshire, who writes: "Anyone can put up as a candidate so long as he can get himself adopted. It does not matter what knowledge they have so long as they shout for rights or what are called grievances. It does not matter two hoots whether they have any religious foundation."

"The whole thing depends on how much window-dressing you can do, how many promises you can make on the people's pockets and how many allowances of all types you can make to one section or another. Let there be not merely party tests but national tests. This would save the country from wasting time and money. It would save us from agnostics and atheists and we would get a 'saner House of Commons.'"—Reuter.

Champaign, Ill. Mar. 6. Floyd Duff of Ohio State, shaved 1/10th second from the American indoor 70-yard high hurdle record of 8.5 seconds in the big nine indoor track and field meet today.—Associated Press.

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Moscow Protest Expected

Washington, Mar. 6. Diplomatic authorities here expect a violent protest from Russia against the agreement announced in London today for unifying American, British, French control of Western Germany.

Unless the Russians upset all predictions here, they will not only protest at the decisions taken without them but will also demand a share in the international control of the Ruhr.

In fact, the problem of arranging control of that West German power-house may prove the most difficult of all the London decisions to carry out.

The U.S. State Department appeared pleased by the speed and extent of the London agreement. Authorities here believe the agreements have pretty well removed the last barriers to a decision by the French to join their zone of Western Germany with the already merged British and American zones.—Associated Press.

Drought, Rain, Snow In The USA

New York, Mar. 7. While the Mid-West and Eastern sections of the country are prepared for another heavy winter snowstorm, Western governors have begun looking for Federal aid to dry-ice some clouds and bring rain to relieve their states' drought.

Minnesota, the Dakotas, and the winter wheat country of Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas looked forward for additional heavy snowfalls. Rain and sleet is now predicted for the northern United States between the Mississippi River and the Appalachian Mountains.

Another snow storm is scheduled for New England tonight and forecasters said it might turn out to be the heaviest of the season. In the southwest Rockies, Governor Vail Pittman, of Nevada, disclosed that he and several other chief executives of the Western States are considering an appeal to President Truman for federal aid to relieve the drought conditions. The Government would be asked to determine whether rain could be produced on a large scale by sowing clouds with dry-ice.—United Press.

Denver, Mar. 6. Maj. Gen. Uzal G. Ent, leader of the American bombing raid on the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania in 1942, died on Saturdays aged 47.—Associated Press.

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WESTERN UNION

Some sort of a United States of Europe probably will be operating before the year is out. At first it will be a loose federation of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, designed as a working model of a union meant to be strengthened and spread over all or most of Western Europe.

Those are the views of diplomatic sources who have been watching closely the formation of such a union as Democracy's practical antidote to Communism.

Such a union has been the dream of some statesmen for 30 years. Now the failure of big power co-operation, the West's fear of Communism and an increasing need for joint action to keep the war-battered peoples eating and working, spur the planners onward with increasing speed.

Blueprints of the union's foundation were on the drawing boards at the Brussels meeting of diplomats from the five nations over the weekend. Diplomatic sources feel sure that the eventual size and authority of the Western Union will be clearly established well before the U.S.-financed European Recovery Programme ends in 1951.

There seems little doubt that the five nations now conferring will sign full military agreements to join at once against any aggressor. The words that float around the Brussels meeting are those of "economic" political and military union. They cover a list of uncertain ground.

Does economic joining mean a customs union knocking down tariff walls dividing the countries? If it does, how will it be made to work among nations whose foreign trade patterns vary so much?

What will be the upshot of efforts toward political union? "National sovereignty"—each nation's pride and individual authority—is the bugbear here. How deep will they be able to bury it? Deep enough to set up a sort of Congress or just occasional meetings of their officials who would have power only to recommend action, not take it?

Will there be joint Chiefs of Staff and standardization of all sorts of weapons or just agreement to help each in war?

Suppose one member falls to what some western diplomats call the "internal aggression" that made a Red regime in Czechoslovakia? What do they do then?

Those are some of the problems. Another is the problem of strength. Some nations, notably Sweden and Switzerland, have refused suggested military alliances. Diplomatic sources believe any wide defensive alliance will have to be guaranteed by the United States before such cautious states will join a bloc which Russia condemns.

There is always the chance, too, that Europe's hope for unity may fall apart from internal political and ideological pressures and nationalistic jealousies and bickerings, making it a ready prey for totalitarianism. — *By Glenn Williams, of Associated Press.*

BAN ON PAPERS LIFTED

Berlin, Mar. 5. The French military Government today lifted the ban on the Soviet-licensed German news-papers *Neues Deutschland*, *Vorwaerts* and *Tageslicht* and the German news service, *DANA*, reported.

As from tomorrow, these papers may be sold again in the French sector of Berlin. They were banned after their issue on Feb. 14, had published sensational reports of German military successes in the East.

Black And Red Records Second Rape Of Czechoslovakia Reddest Of Danger Signals

By LORD VANSITTART

Early in the war I wrote a pamphlet called "Black Record," and the German record is indeed black.

It is now time to compare it with the Red Record, and it will be seen that there is little difference.

All tyrannies are alike in all that matters. There is morally no such thing as a tyranny of the Right or a tyranny of the Left; there are just tyrannies, and all free men should execrate the lot of them.

It is right to fulminate against Franco; he is a tyrant, and deserves it. But it is sheer hypocrisy not to protest in the same breath against Tito in Yugoslavia, Durruti in Bulgaria, Grozni in Rumania, and Stalin in Russia.

Ruthless Cruelty

There are no more contemptible creatures than "fellow-travellers" who callously overlook the barbarity of tyrants if it is perpetrated in the name of a creed which they favour.

Let us draw up a brief balance-sheet of the two chief members of the totalitarian family—the Nazis and the Communists. The Nazis are the more brutal of the two. Their main features are as follows: (a) they are as ruthless as two peas. Begin with their cruelty.

Hitler murdered 6,000,000 Jews, and several millions of other peoples besides. The exact figure of the latter category will never be known. The former is easy to establish: We know approximately how many Jews there were, and how many are left.

Slave labour has become an essential feature of the Soviet system. The annual average of slaves in Russia during roughly the past decade has been variously estimated between 10,000,000 and 20,000,000; 12,000,000 would be a fair estimate.

The other feature of the Soviet system is the treatment of its own people. The results in an appalling death-roll. Ten per cent. would be another conservative estimate.

It will be seen that in barbarity the Communist regime wins a close race by a length or two—lengths to which no civilised Government would go.

Let us, however, be impartial and make no distinction between the two dictatorships. It is simpler to speak of Communism as a single entity, and to difficulty in coming together in 1939 and the coming of the war with the West, which both desired for different reasons.

Hitler and Stalin became bed-fellows, and only fell out because both wanted the earth. The Kremlin is furious at the publication of the Russo-German correspondence between 1939 and 1941, which reveals to the world this ugly fact.

This brings us to another family resemblance between the two tyrannies. Both are insatiable expansionists. Hitler and Stalin have no other aim.

The lamentable amount of sickness and mortality which existed in the Ghetto during last summer has caused considerable attention to be directed to this Colony by the press of England. Two articles have appeared in the leading journals. A few errors, excusable enough in a person writing at such a distance, are apparent. It is said, "We maintain in this island Chinese possessions."

For the security of our considerable possessions in England in China? "The climate of the island is no doubt essentially unfitted to the English constitution." This we deny, and appeal for the substantiation of our denial to all the members of the medical profession who attend the civil community.

Again, "The ground in the rear of the (Garrison) buildings is undrained." The ground around the barracks is, through the whole of the year, as dry and hard as the City road.

Thirdly, as the subject of the sickness appeared at the time, from the sundry discussions regarding its origin, treatment and partial cure in the local journals, we propose at an early period to devote further space to it, endeavouring to elucidate our former positions; and, if possible, to erect such beacon for the guidance of the military authorities of the island, that such a sacrifice of life among our soldier countrymen as happened in the last summer may not happen in the next.

LOAN ON BOOTSTRAP.—The Captain of the French ship "Chir" 376 tons, bound for the port of Saigon, was ordered to borrow on the French Government's account, a sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for repairs on the above ship, payable on her arrival at Cebu (Philippines). The ship was then ordered to proceed to the French port of Saigon, where she was to be repaired.

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Stalin has annexed half Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bessarabia, Bukovina, the best part of East Prussia; dominates Yugoslavia, Hungary, Albania, Rumania, Bulgaria, half Korea; and is seeking to dominate Austria, Greece, Turkey, France, and Italy.

Ruthless Enslaving

Who would, or could, differentiate between the rival gangsters of Berlin and Moscow? Nobody, but dishonest fellow-travellers.

How often was I told by the appeasers of the inter-war period: Hitler is really seeking peace. That is what the appeasers of the Left pretend about Stalin.

Appeasers of totalitarianism are always dupes—they are not something worse. The dictators ceaselessly want something more, and then something more, and then something more. They are drunk with reactionary imperialism.

And so Stalin, having already enslaved over 100,000,000 people outside his borders, is now invading Poland, the last of the European democracies, and the last of the free countries of Europe.

Let us have no illusions. The second rape of Czechoslovakia is the reddest of danger signals. Expansionist policies can only have one end if unchecked; but they can be checked by foresight.

Ruthless Annexing

To all these primitive totalitarian fanatics "the sky's the limit." That explains, but does not lessen, the second tragedy of Czechoslovakia.

Dutch Victory Against Two Enemies

The Dutch have mighty appetites. A fair-sized meal for an ordinary Englishman is no more than a snack in Holland, where good red meat and neat Dutch gin are basic needs of the people.

But Dutchmen work for it. Starting from scratch in 1945 (their country was sacked, sucked dry and swamped by the Germans) they've worked so prodigiously that now these slightly meagre meals of theirs are assured. And there's some spare. Under the £70,000,000 British-Dutch trade agreement signed last week, eggs, butter and great sides of bacon will be shipped from Rotterdam to Rotterdam.

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What does it matter to the victim whether the gulping and gobbling monster comes from the East or the West?

In all this Red Record there is no cause for surprise. Stalin is running true to Lenin, as Lenin ran true to Marx. "There is absolutely no reason for Poland to exist," said the ruthless founder of the faith.

The Czechs and other little folks "have no historical future whatever." The Nazis called themselves Herrenvolk—the Master Race. Communism considers itself the Master Race, likewise destined to rule the earth. Again, who will differentiate between gangsters?

Only partisans or hypocrites; and the final answer to them, as to the former appeasers, is "Czechoslovakia—and shut up."

A few more resemblances between Communists and Nazis: Both alike are fundamentally hostile to western civilisation; both alike systematically exploit mendacity; both alike use democracy to destroy democracy; both alike mechanically begot scoundrels and soldiers; both alike are utterly faithless.

Hitler's seizure of Czechoslovakia was a declaration of political war. So is Stalin's.

Ruthless Resistance

It remains to prevent this political hostility from also becoming military. We cannot count on the Kremlin; it will continue its encroachments so long as it thinks no one courageous enough to resist them. Western civilisation can only count on itself.

How? By pressing forward urgently with western unity. There is not a day to lose. The Government will be judged by its speed in reaching this long-overdue goal.

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Surprise Attack

What they do know already is that its existence increases the possibility of a surprise attack. It could be decisive.

For that reason standards of civil defence must be raised—meaning, presumably, that shelters must go deeper.

Greater Commonwealth co-operation is essential. "If war should ever be forced upon us," says the White Paper, "we should have to play our part in defending the Commonwealth."

Nothing is said, however, of the relative burdens which British and Commonwealth taxpayers are bearing for defence costs.

The White Paper contains no indication of "spreading the load" of imperial defence among the countries of the Empire.

The Government's plans are based on the experience of the past year.

It was then estimated that our total uniformed man-power would be reduced to 1,087,000 by March 31, 1948. Further reductions imposed after the crisis last autumn will bring this figure down to 940,000 and by March 31, 1949 to 716,000.

This aggregate will be divided as follows:

April 1, 1948. Mar. 31, 1949.
Navy 145,000 145,000
Army 145,000 145,000
Air Force 281,000 228,000

The bulk of the reductions will thus fall upon the Army. The apparent weakness of the Navy in recent months is explained on the grounds that:

"Our preference to bring the Navy down as rapidly as possible during the current financial year, and to accept a temporary measure of disorganisation and immobility. No further reduction is planned during 1948-49."

Air Force strength, too, will be cut but at a slower rate than hitherto.

CONSCRIPTION: Main difficulty during the past year has been the imbalance in all three Services caused by the rapid loss of conscripts, with the longer training and service, and their replacement by men whose period of full-time service is continually decreasing.

Hardest Hit
In order not to swamp the Services, a short of trained instructors, the intake of conscripts this year is to be restricted to 150,000; this follows the already announced postponement of the March registration until June of this year.

Even so, the Army will be hardest hit. The White Paper shows that the Navy has virtually contracted out of the conscription scheme, accepting only 3,000 of the 150,000 intake. The Air Force will have to accept the remaining 100,000.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"he'd only been content with welcoming the New Year Doctor! But no—he had to go on and hold an extra celebration over being able to pull through 1947!"

How Britain Would Face A New War

Britain's White Paper on Defence—the plan for our Army, Navy, and Air Force of the future—was issued recently.

Atom bomb, Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Biting—none of these words appear in it.

But the mushroom cloud that man first produced in the New Mexico desert four years ago casts its shadow over every one of the document's 13 pages of facts and figures.

The influence of what the White Paper calls this "new weapon" emphasises the need of a flexible policy. "No rigidity" is the keynote for the planners. These planners have a hard task. Nobody knows what the atom bomb's effect on strategy will be.

With Regular recruitment lagging behind, it looks as if some further drastic re-arranging of the conscription plan will be needed if the creation of an efficient Regular Army is not to be stultified.

COST: The net financial provision for defence proposed for 1948-49 will be £392,000,000, as against £289,000,000 last year. Comparative figures are:

1947-48 1948-49
Navy £198,700,000 £153,000,000
Army £388,000,000 £305,000,000
R.A.F. £214,000,000 £173,000,000
Ministry of Supply £100,000,000 £1,000,000
Ministry of Defence £6,000,000

These estimates include the cost of civilian man-power engaged in administrative, clerical, technical, and supervising duties; miscellaneous duties in Service establishments; and production, research, and development work.

Food Cut
Almost 35 per cent, or £238,000,000, of the Defence Budget will be accounted for by pay, food, and clothing of men and

women in the Forces, and pension and gratuities of ex-servicemen.

Another £75,000,000 will go on local expenditure overseas, but says the White Paper, "a large part of this total will be incurred in the sterling area." Meanwhile, food and petrol consumption of the Forces has been curtailed to save dollars.

COMMITMENTS: Reduction in cost and man-power has been partly eased by constitutional changes within the Empire. Burma's departure from the Commonwealth, and the decision to leave Palestine.

All British Forces will have left India by the end of this month. In Burma, the withdrawal of British Forces will be completed by the end of March, but a British Services Mission will remain.

British Forces are still stationed in Greece, Austria, and Trieste, states the White Paper, but in Japan the British occupation Forces are now being withdrawn.

By March 1949 it is expected that, apart from the normal peace-time responsibilities of the Navy and the R.A.F., our overseas commitments will be limited to our share in the occupation of Germany, and requirements of the Middle and Far East, and the small garrisons needed at a variety of overseas stations.

It is also claimed that during the past year improvements have taken place in Commonwealth defence organisation. British Service liaison staffs have now been set up in Canada, South Africa, Australia, and will shortly be established in New Zealand.

The Government, it is stated, is engaged in producing a long-term plan for the defence of the Empire, and a general but flexible policy on the shape and size of the Forces.

The plan is vague. As the White Paper states: "The best deterrent to war is tangible evidence of our intention and ability to withstand attack."

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"Twisting The Lion's Tail"

Heavy Demands From All Parts Of World On A War-Weakened Empire Current Trouble Spots Listed

London, Mar. 6.
A rash of foreign claims, internal disorder and independence "growing pains" is plaguing Britain's war-weakened Empire. From Latin America to Africa and eastward to Asia, Britain's worldwide authority has been challenged with renewed strength in recent weeks. The average Briton mildly calls it "twisting the lion's tail." But there is no mistaking the Government's serious view of the situation.

Dispatch of a cruiser to the Antarctic islands claimed variously by Argentina and Chile, and the landing of troops in British Honduras, claimed by Guatemala, underline Britain's stiffened attitudes against demands on her Empire.

"If the lion appears to be weakening, the jackals will soon come yapping and snapping hopefully round his flanks," was the way Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder, put it last week. There is little doubt the military strength of the British lion is weakening. Faced by an economic crisis at home, the Government last week announced more cuts in Britain's armed forces.

In the next year Britain's armed forces will drop more than 200,000. The cut will leave the combined strength of the Navy, Air Force and Army at 716,000 men a year from now. Britain's once powerful fleet is being reorganised. At present no battleship or heavy aircraft carrier is ready for immediate action, the Admiralty said.

Within a year Britain has granted independence to Burma, Dominion status to India and Pakistan. Ceylon has become a self governing member of the British Commonwealth, and Britain is leaving Palestine. But the challenge to the Empire continues.

Here are the current trouble spots in the Empire that worry officials in Whitehall:

Trouble Spots

Antarctic islands:—Argentina and Chile sent naval expeditions to claim long disputed territory in the Falkland Islands Dependencies south of Cape Horn. Both countries have turned down Britain's offer to let the International Court of Justice decide the ownership of the ice covered islands. Britain has no intention of arbitrating Argentina's claim to the strategic Falkland Islands colony, 300 miles east of Cape Horn. She sent the cruiser "Nigeria" to bolster the claim that was Britain's only warship in the area.

British Honduras:—Britain dispatched two cruisers and landed troops on her little Central American colony, claiming that "irresponsible elements" in neighbouring Guatemala planned an invasion. Guatemala has claimed British Honduras for more than 60 years. Anti-British demonstrations in Guatemala City accompanied renewed claims for the land of swamps and mahogany forests.

Palestine:—Britain has announced she will give up her 20-year-old League of Nations mandate on May 15. British troops have been fighting trying to maintain order during the bloody Arab-Jewish conflict.

The Gold Coast:—A "state of emergency" was proclaimed in the West African colony this week after 14 were killed in riots attributed to growing nationalism and demands for self-government. A Government charge that the demonstrators were "Communist-inspired" has been denied by native leaders. Airborne troops were alerted at Gibraltar in case reinforcements were needed to maintain order.

The Sudan

The Sudan:—Britain's latest offer to compromise the Anglo-Egyptian dispute over the Sudan was rejected by Egypt last week. The Sudan has been under the joint sovereignty of Britain and Egypt since 1899. Egypt's demand for sole sovereignty over the Upper Nile region has been rejected by the British.

Cyprus:—Nationalist elements in the strategic island colony in the Eastern Mediterranean have been agitating for the British to withdraw. Four persons were injured last week in a strike demonstration. Kashmir:—Britain has tried unsuccessfully to mediate the

conflicting claims for Kashmir by her two new Dominions, India and Pakistan. The dispute is before the Security Council of the U.N.

Hong Kong:—Anti-British feeling still runs high in some Chinese circles as a result of Chinese claims to part of the leased City of Kowloon. Four Britons were injured in January during anti-British demonstrations in Canton. —Associated Press.

Pres. Truman Has His Headaches, Too

Washington, Mar. 6.
President Truman, back from his fishing holiday in Florida, today faces a flood of problems ranging from Europe to China and his own chances of re-election in November.

He will soon have to tackle the vital question whether the United States should directly or indirectly cooperate in a western European alliance and whether a military guarantee should be undertaken in connection with it.

The Brussels conference of Britain, France and the Benelux countries has not yet reached a stage at which the United States can take such a decision.

The President, however, has to decide how he can drum up support here for the United States to underwrite a western European alliance without playing into the hands of the western European Communists, who assert that their Governments are acting under American "imperialistic dictation."

Problems

Other foreign problems facing him are:

1. How to apply to the Middle East the United States policy of building bulwarks against Soviet expansion and at the same time to test the enforcement of the partition of Palestine, which some State Department circles fear may bring that vital area to the boil.

2. How to provide the military aid that some of his advisers consider essential to maintain Chinese resistance to Communism without alarming Congress at the vastness of the task to an extent which may seriously delay the passage of Marshall Plan legislation.

Those who know President Truman do not expect him to leave foreign affairs mainly to Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, because he realised that his chances of re-

Possibly A Riot - But No Emergency

Tokyo, Mar. 6.
Allied Headquarters officials here today emphatically denied reports that a state of emergency had been declared in Southern Honshu.

The reports alleged there had been Japanese-Korean riots in Southern Honshu and that a New Zealander had been killed.

According to officials, a New Zealand security agent had for some time been living in the British Commonwealth Occupation area with the wife of a Korean. The Korean husband on three separate occasions had taken a shot at the New Zealander.

About three weeks ago the Korean wounded the New Zealander, but he did not die. He has since been removed from his position. All is quiet. —United Press.

R.N. Ships For Pakistan

Dacca, Mar. 6.
Pakistan is negotiating with Britain to buy two destroyers, Rear-Admiral J. W. Jefford, Flag-Officer commanding the Royal Pakistan Navy, announced in a broadcast here. He added that if the negotiations went through—and he thought they would—these "fine ships" would be sent by the end of the year. From them, Pakistan hoped gradually to build up a flotilla of new destroyers. —Reuter.

Financier's Fatal Fall From Flat

London, Mar. 6.
Sir Derrick Julius Wernher, 58, was found dead today in the garden of Hyde Park's "Milliners Row" apartment house in which he maintained a seventh floor flat. The police said his head was crushed. Death was apparently due to a fall from the balcony in his flat.

Sir Derrick was the son of the late Sir Julius Wernher, South African financier. He was last seen alive at midnight, the police said. Scotland Yard investigated but reports that so far they have found nothing suspicious about his death.

Wernher, whose father left £5,000,000, lived for years between the wars in the United States. In 1922, he married Miss Theodora Romanov, a Russian, in New York. His brother, Maj.-Gen. Sir Harold Wernher, is the heir.

He was the second baronet—succeeding his father, Sir Julius Wernher, South African millionaire, in 1912.

Sir Derrick's mother, Lady Ludlow—officially known as the richest woman in England—died in 1945. She left Sir Derrick £100,000 absolutely and £200,000 on trust.

It is understood that Sir Derrick was fond of standing on the balcony from which he fell. A close friend said that Sir Derrick had been suffering from acute attacks of giddiness for several months past. —United Press and Reuter.

U.S. Navy Rocket Sets U.S. Record

Washington, Mar. 6.
A joint announcement by U. S. Army and Navy said today that a new Navy rocket had reached an altitude of 78 miles and a top speed of 3,000 miles per hour, both new records for American rockets. The rocket, named "Aerobelle," was launched at White Sands (N.M.) Proving Grounds.

The test was short of the record 114-miles altitude and 3,500 miles speed set by the Army in tests with a captured German V-2 rocket, but it eclipsed the record of 34 miles and 2,100 miles established last year by the Army's American-built "WAC Corporal."

The new rocket burns liquid fuel. Its size was not disclosed but the announcement said it was designed primarily for the upper atmosphere and could carry 150 lb. of scientific instruments, including a device to measure cosmic rays. —United Press.

Sweden's Position In The Next War

Stockholm, Mar. 5.
Sweden's situation in the event of a future conflict "is better than during the second world war, the former Minister of Agriculture, J. Skoeld, said today.

Skoeld is the only member of the Government who has participated in the current heated neutrality debate.

The Minister's view is that a future war would be fought in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. If Sweden keeps clear of alliances it will have a good chance to remain neutral, he said.

Skoeld has been violently attacked by the big Liberal newspaper "Dagens Nyheter."

"European policy which at the same time counts on American help and refuses to declare its willingness to receive such a help is the strongest support for American isolationism," wrote "Dagens Nyheter," which is insisting that Sweden's security depends on closer cooperation with the United States.

The newspaper warned of "the terrific danger" that America might desert Europe in disgust.

Anti-Communist feelings are still running high. At a stormy meeting in Stockholm on Thursday the chairman of the Social Democratic Youth League, Frans Nilsson, said: "Sweden will not be a pawn in the Communist imperialistic game and we look with abhorrence and loathing on the events in Czechoslovakia." —Associated Press.

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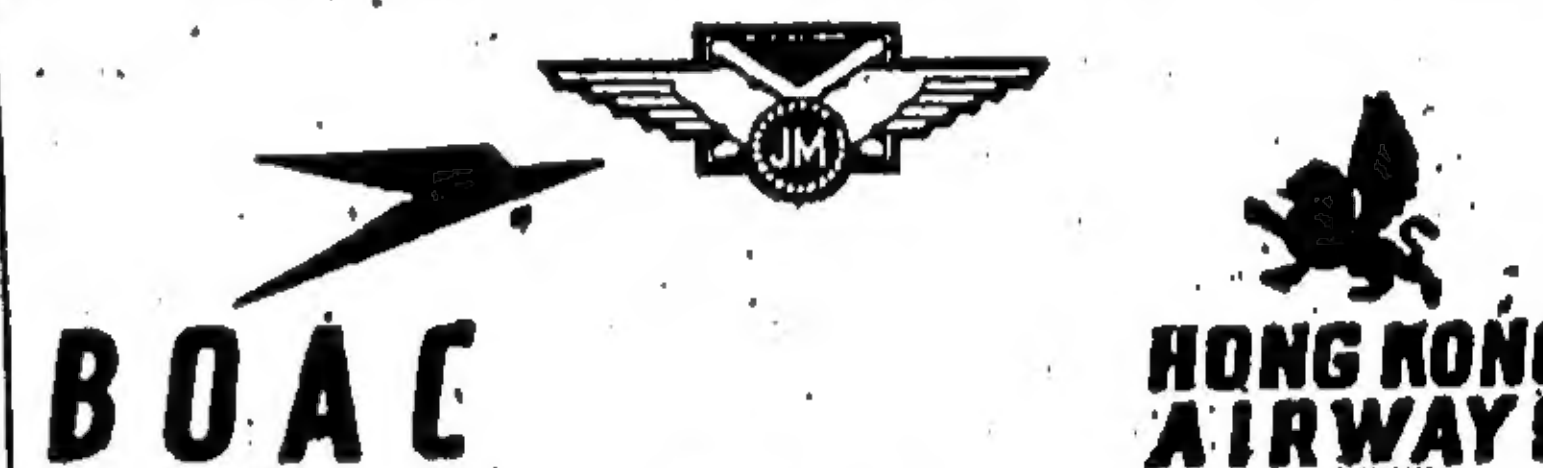
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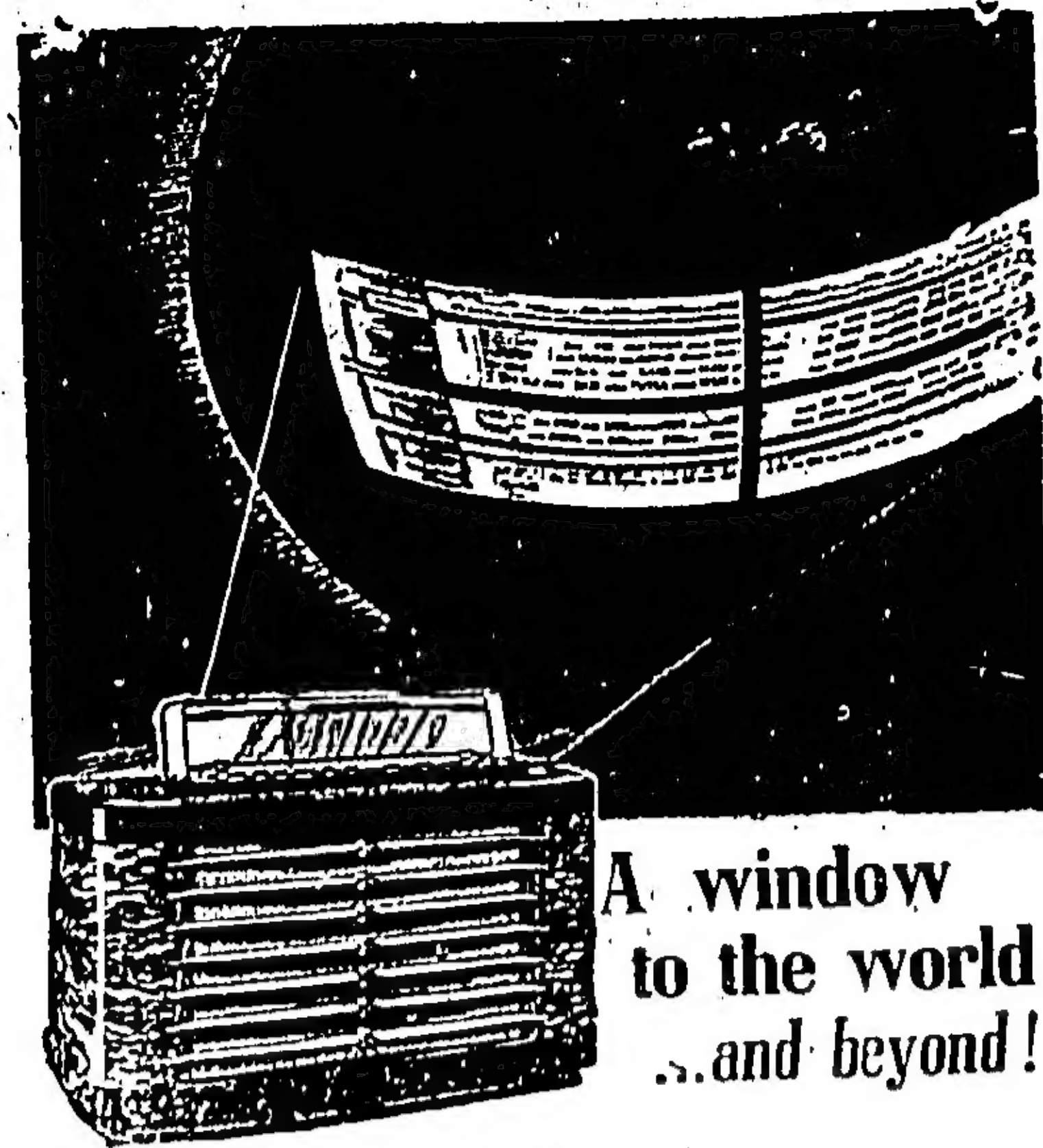
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FIVE TONS OF JEWISH ARMS SEIZED IN PARIS RAID

Arab C-in-C Sets Up His Headquarters

Paris, Mar. 6. Seven persons, including one American, were arrested today and a cache of five tons of arms and ammunition, reportedly parachuted into France and destined for Jewish forces in Palestine, was seized by the French police in a raid on a Paris garage.

Police officials, who seized the arms (which included Bazookas, heavy machine guns, sub-machine guns, grenades and anti-personnel mines) said that some machine guns were still in their parachute containers when they were found this morning in the rear of a truck.

National officials conducting the investigation said that they believed that the arms were parachuted into France around Chartres and then shipped to Paris where they are loaded into trucks and sent to Marseilles en route to Palestine.

The police said that all those arrested were Jews, Poles or Rumanians. The police said they were searching for a man, believed to be an Irqun member, who recently arrived in Paris from Tel-Aviv.

Among those arrested in the pre-dawn raid was Louis Rawn, 26-year-old Pole, who was said to be the head of the organization and an Irqun member. He had 380,000 francs in his possession when seized today.

Also arrested were Jacob Amranbrandtsz, 40, of Warsaw; Joseph Kohn, 40, who was said to be from Philadelphia and to have been in France only two months; Norbert Robe, owner of the truck in which the arms were discovered; and Edouard Horn, in whose home Robe was arrested. Horn and Robe, originally from Palestine, are naturalized Frenchmen.—United Press.

American Shot

Jerusalem, Mar. 6. A cameraman, Mr. Robert Hencox, of Paramount News, was shot in the leg when Arabs opened fire on a car in which he and two other cameramen were travelling.

Mr. Hencox, an American, had filmed the evacuation of 1,500 British troops and police and their families at Haifa port and was returning by car to Jerusalem.

In the dock area of Haifa, his car stopped to await the arrival of Army lorries. When the car began moving in the company of several lorries,

several Arabs opened fire from behind a wall, hitting Mr. Hencox; he was not seriously injured.

Arab C-in-C

Fawzi El Kaukji, the Commander-in-Chief of the Arab Army of Liberation, has arrived in Palestine from Damascus to lead his army into battle. Reports reaching Jerusalem from the "Triangle of Terror" in Samaria suggest that Fawzi El Kaukji is making his headquarters in the area of the Moslem stronghold of Nablus.

Already many hundreds of trained Iraqi and Syrian troops have taken up positions in that area with thousands of Arabs who are encamped in the Samaria and Galilee areas after finishing their military training outside Palestine.

Informed quarters consider Kaukji's arrival to be the signal for all-out preparations for large-scale battles throughout the Holy Land.—Reuter.

Artillery

Damascus, Mar. 6. A high Syrian official said two batteries of Arab heavy artillery moved into Palestine today. Military observers speculated the batteries probably were made up of 75-millimetre guns taken over from the French Army and retooled recently in Syria.—Associated Press.

Ten Days To Find A Solution

Lake Success, Mar. 6. Four Big-Power members of the United Nations, harassed by a British boycott and mutual distrust, have ten days to find a formula for saving the United Nations Palestine partition programme.

The Soviet delegate, M. Gromyko, said that representatives of the Big Powers would begin private consultations on the Holy Land problem on Monday morning in his new Park Avenue headquarters in New York.

DUTCH VICTORY AGAINST TWO ENEMIES

(Continued from Page 6)

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The Hague, Mar. 6. A Dutch trader delegation will leave for Moscow later this month to buy wheat in exchange for Dutch products. The delegation will also discuss a trade and payment agreement with Russia.

Embassy Storekeeper Charged

Moscow, Mar. 6. George A. Bindock, British storekeeper at the Moscow Embassy, may appear in court in Moscow on Wednesday to stand trial on charges preferred against him by a Russian girl. Bindock was to have been tried on Friday but did not appear. It was stated that his absence was on instructions to Moscow from the Foreign Office in London.

Bindock, who is 26 years of age and a native of North London, is liable to three years imprisonment if convicted.—Associated Press.

N. Ireland Bye-Election

Armagh, Mar. 6. Major J. R. E. Harden retained the County Armagh seat in the House of Commons for the Unionist Party in the bye-election, of which results were announced tonight. He polled 30,736 votes over his anti-partitionist opponent, Mr. Seamus O'Reilly.

The bye-election was caused by the death of Sir William Allen, who was returned unopposed at the last general election.—Reuter.

"MOCK WAR"

Wiesbaden, Mar. 6. About 50 American Air Force troops carrying "Dinkotat" will leave Munich loaded with troops on March 10 to take part in a two-day mock battle against a simulated enemy—guerrilla troops—in Hesse, in the United States Zone of Germany, an Air Force communiqué said today.

At the same time, "Thunderbolt" aircraft will engage in simulated strafing and diving bombing exercises in the largest scale manoeuvres to the undertaken by the American forces in Germany since the end of the war.—Reuter.

Big Four Study Case Of Libya

Cairo, Mar. 6. The Big Four nations today began a study of what to do with Libya, potential base of American and British power to resist Communism in Europe. A commission representing the United States, Russia, Britain and France left Cairo by plane for Tripolitania, where the British Military Administration has been repairing roads, barracks and other facilities and the Americans are tidying up the waiting air base at Mellaha.

In addition to the American airfield, which can handle Superfortresses, bombers and giant transports, the commissioners will have a glimpse of the big British-operated airport. From these airports, planes can fly non-stop and back to points in Europe some 200 miles away.

In Tripoli, the Commission will hear spokesmen for Arab, Italian and other residents. Later the representatives plan to visit French-administered Fezzan, and towards the end of April go to Benghazi, Cyrenaica. The Commission will not make recommendations but will report to the deputy Foreign Ministers, who have until September 15 to agree on the future of Italy's former African empire. If no agreement is reached the question will go to the UNO.—Associated Press.

Dockyard Course At Southampton

London, Mar. 6. Dock and Harbour officials from Greece, the Netherlands, Italy, Finland and Sweden are attending a course at Southampton, organised by the British Council.

Subjects include dock construction and management, the handling of passenger traffic, harbour management and pilotage. Delegates come to London on March 15 for a final week's programme arranged by the Port of London authorities.—Associated Press.

Maritime Conference

Geneva, Mar. 6. The United Nations Maritime Conference closed on Saturday with formal signature of the constitution of the new inter-government maritime consultative organisation. The constitution was adopted by 21 votes to 1. The only negative vote was that of China.

Abstaining delegations included those of Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Egypt, Finland, which had originally formed part of a "Scandinavian bloc" in the conference opposing some aspects of the constitution, voted with the majority.—Associated Press.

GREECE TO COOPERATE

Athens, Mar. 6. Greece today promised to continue collaboration with the United Nations Special Commission on the Balkans. Despite the attitude of her northern neighbours, the Greek news agency said tonight. Her assurances were made in reply to a new letter sent by the Balkans Commission to the Government of normal diplomatic and neighbourly relations as soon as possible.—Reuter.

US\$2 A Bushel Ceiling On Wheat Exports

Washington, Mar. 6. A 36-nation wheat agreement putting a US\$2 bushel ceiling price on wheat exported by the United States, Canada and Australia was announced today. The International Wheat Council made public the five year pact. It is subject to approval by the US Congress and to ratification by the other governments concerned.

The US\$2 price ceiling is above 50 cents below the present US price. The minimum or "floor" price, provided for in the agreement, is US\$1.50 a bushel in the first year, starting August 1 next. It drops by 10 cent steps each year to \$1.10 in 1952.

Delegates to the International Wheat Council, in full session here, signed the agreement and acclaimed it as a climax to years of effort to stabilize the world wheat market by international agreement. Notably absent were Russia and Argentina, big wheat exporters. Their refusal to join weakens the immediate aim of the pact—hold prices for wheat for the next five years. The pact is a first step towards a long-term agreement to stabilize world wheat prices. It is a first step towards a long-term agreement to stabilize world wheat prices. It is a first step towards a long-term agreement to stabilize world wheat prices.

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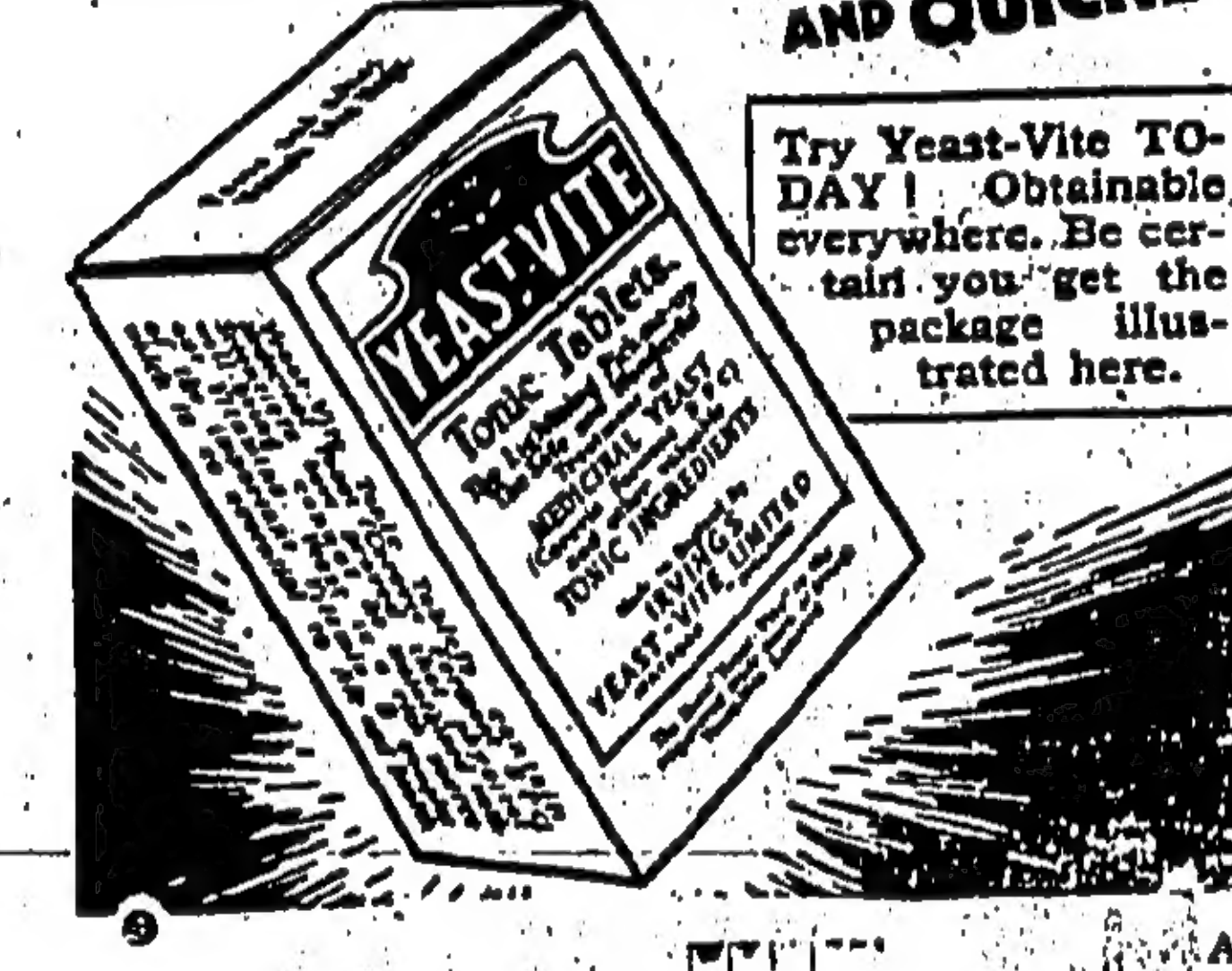
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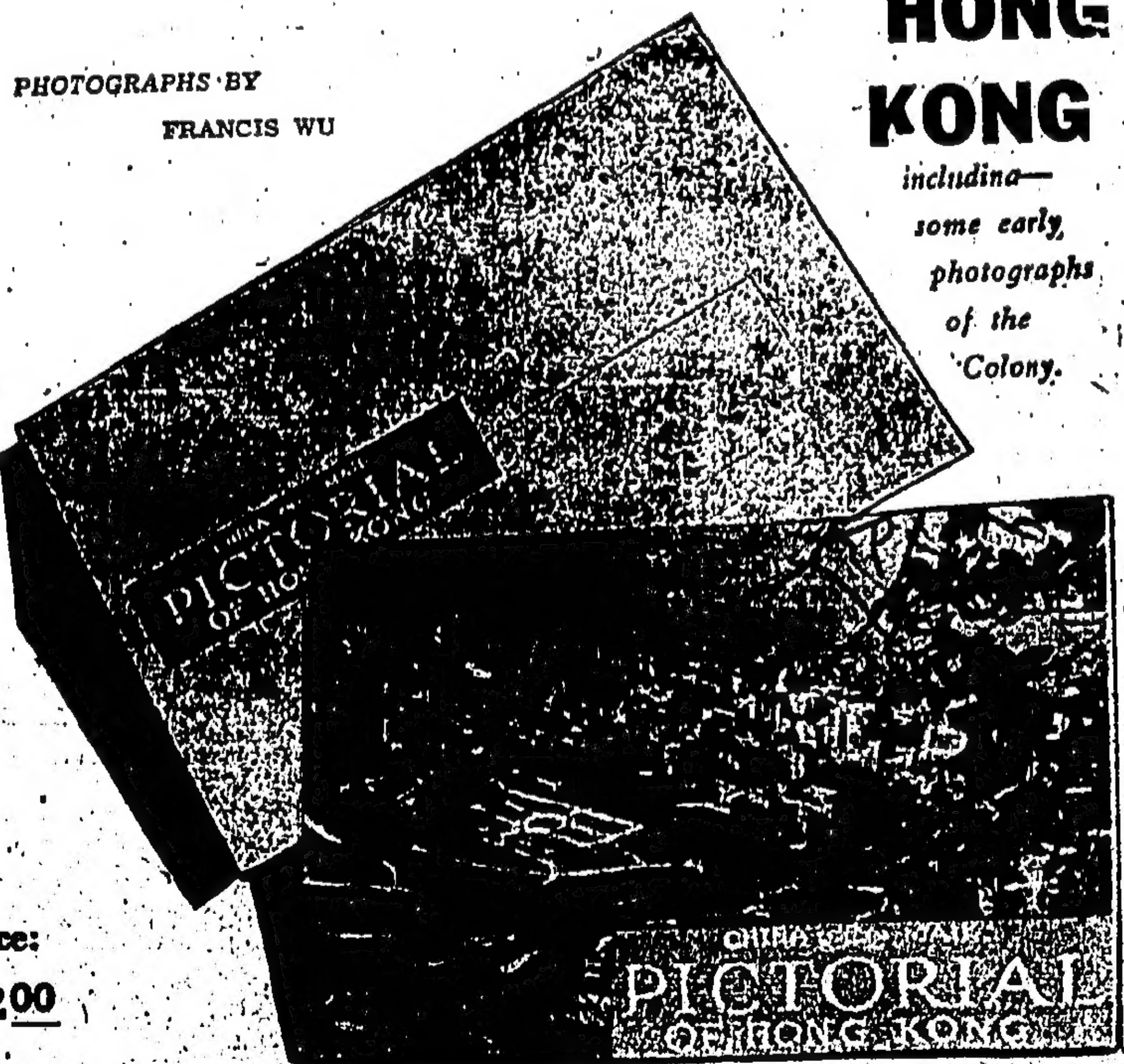


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RELATION "DOWN UNDER"

Pride And Affection
For Royal Family

Sydney, Mar. 6.

The Australian man in the street and ministers throughout the Commonwealth were elated today at the news of the Royal Family's visit next year. Newspapers, which ran special editions, reported that preparations were already being pushed forward to receive the Royal guests.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, who hailed the news as an opportunity for Australia to show "the feeling of pride and affection we have for the Royal Family," was expected to appoint next week a Minister and officer who would be directly responsible for the tour.

It is believed that whoever was chosen would be knighted at once by the King despite the fact that the Australian Government is opposed to titles.

Australian officials had already started working out a tentative itinerary for the visit, which will be the first by a reigning monarch to Australia—though the King and Queen, as the Duke and Duchess of York, visited the Commonwealth in 1927.

A Cabinet sub-committee, including Mr. Chifley, Dr. Herbert Evatt, External Affairs Minister, and Senator W. Ashley, Supply Minister and Government leader in the Senate, will supervise the arrangements for the visit.

Delight

Sydney, Mar. 6.

Governor General William McKell on Saturday cabled both official and personal messages to the King, Queen and Princess Margaret Rose, expressing delight at their forthcoming visit to Australia.

"All Australians will be proud and honoured to have their sovereign back in Australia," he said.

The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Fraser, in a nationwide radio address to the people of New Zealand, said it would be an occasion when "both Maori and Pakeha (New Zealand white people) could demonstrate their loyalty to the Crown."

Leaders in all walks of life expressed pleasure over the announcement of the visit. Australian opposition leader Robert Menzies said:

"Their Majesties and Princess Margaret will have an enormous welcome from the people of Australia who have a boundless admiration and affection for them."

Officers of returned services' organisations and church leaders expressed their happiness.

Warm Welcome

President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, P. J. Clure, said "the people of Australia will be glad to know this news. Their Majesties can rest assured they will receive an enthusiastic and warm welcome."

False
British
Passports

London, Mar. 6.
Five men, including two passport examiners, were at the Bow Street Magistrates Court today sent for trial at Old Bailey, accused of conspiracy. They were said to have put British passports into the hands of "an enormous number of aliens."

Idel Weingarten, a Pole described by the prosecution as the central figure in the alleged conspiracy, was kept in custody. The other four accused were granted £100 bail each.

They were Frank Richard Getwood, of New Aldington; William Robert Barrett, of Madia Vale; James Prior and Albert Edward Brown, both of Glasgow.

Getwood and Barrett are passport examiners, charged with making false statements, while Prior and Brown are accused of borrowing identity documents of British subjects to assist the conspiracy.

The prosecution said today that Prior and Brown were required to procure passports. The Magistrate had heard evidence by a Czech Jewess, Julie Rothman, of Paddington, London, that she had paid £200 to Weingarten to bring her fiancée from Czechoslovakia to England. Weingarten, she said, afterwards went to their wedding.—Reuter.

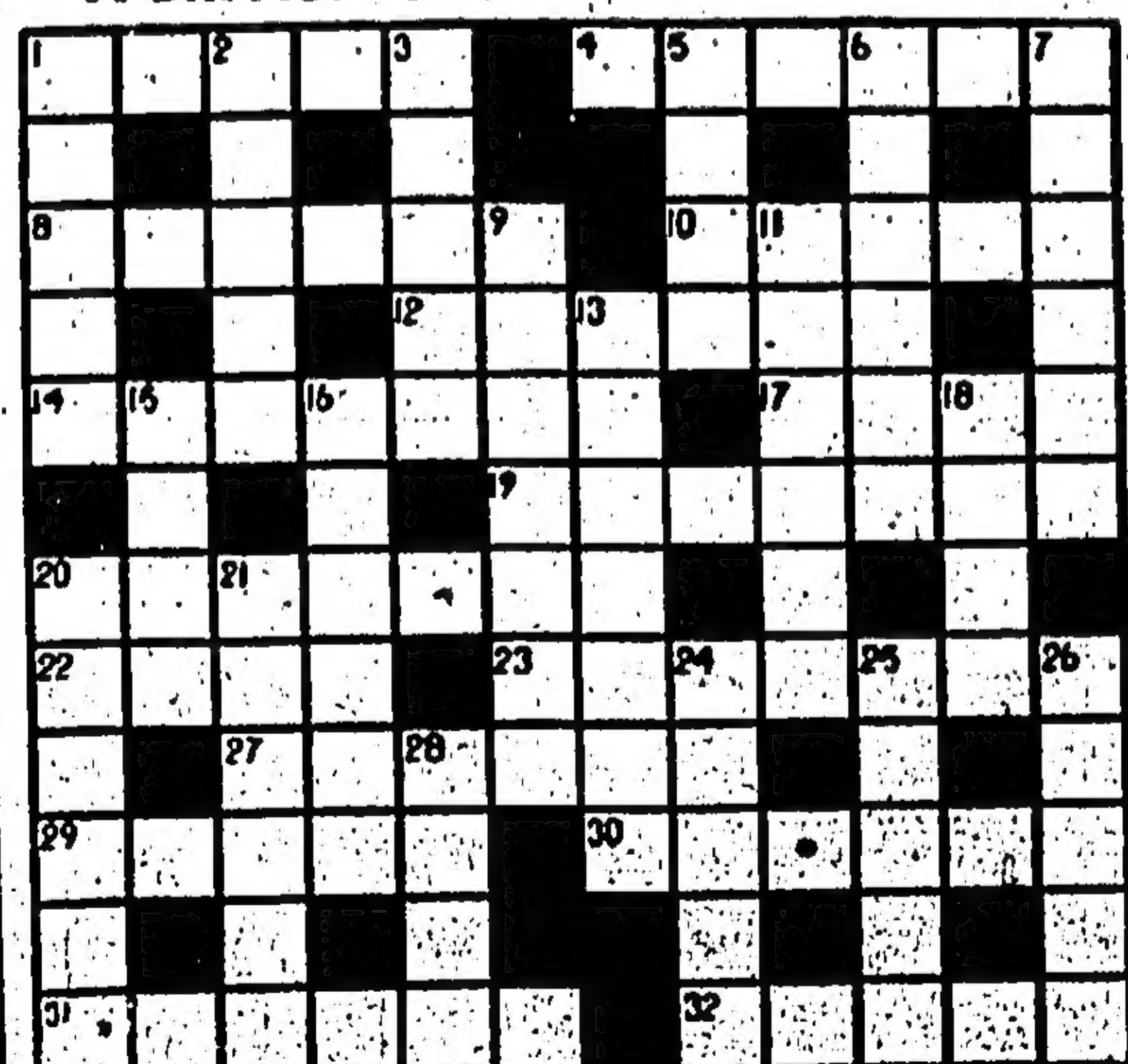
Fourteen members of the crew of the Greek steamer "Marpeia," which is berthed in the Prince of Wales dock, Swansea, are on strike as a protest against the arrest of Trade Union leaders in Greece.

The strikers are being refused cabins and have refused to leave after being dismissed from the ship and in spite of a notification from the Greek Government that they might be considered guilty of mutiny.

Dimitrios Kollas, secretary of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions, states that the men are liable to the death penalty under the Greek Government's recent anti-strike law.

The men say that they will not leave the ship until they are paid lawful compensation for their dismissal.—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 River mouth.
- 4 Anger.
- 8 Mourning.
- 12 Drives.
- 14 Pointed.
- 17 Dispute of.
- 19 Taking neither side.
- 20 Beg.
- 22 Withered.
- 23 Ripping.
- 27 Claret part.
- 30 Speak evil of.
- 31 Slew.
- 32 Entertain.

Clues Down

- 1 Settled opinion.
- 2 Reposing.
- 3 Striking block.
- 5 Family rest.
- 6 Minor.
- 7 Recollect.
- 9 Issue.
- 11 Loose overcoat.
- 13 Feign.
- 15 Not any.
- 16 Restiveness.
- 18 Stretch of turf.
- 20 Value highly.
- 21 Track.
- 24 Skilled.
- 25 Vicious.
- 28 Dungon.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—3 Marriage; 4 Agony; 5 Revolted; 11 Collared; 12 Grow; 13 Partridge; 14 Draining; 19 Real; 21 Appeared; 25 Queen; 26 Deal; 27 Disposed.

Down—1 Talk; 2 Fall; 3 Abet; 4 Road; 5 Altar; 6 Sadow; 7 Rapid; 10 Vow; 12 Gossip; 14 Once; 16 Dispel; 17 Reason; 18 Mind; 19 Answer; 21 Aim; 22 Felt; 23 Deal; 24 Deal.

Senator
Asks For A
Definition

Washington, Mar. 6.
Senator Styles Bridges said tonight the Administration is going to have to speak out its "basic policy towards Russia" before any foreign relief funds are appropriated.

Bridges, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, told reporters:—

"We have to find out what the basic policy is toward Russia and what we are going to do under contingencies."

Bridges' group must pass on all the Administration's request for funds to help foreign countries. These include the European recovery programme which the Senate now is debating and US\$470,000,000 for China.

Bridges said the Committee has to have "some deadline as to know how to proceed."

He said that, for example, the Committee must know what the Administration plans to do if Greece and Turkey are attacked. The Committee also wants to know what the Administration has in mind if the Communists take over Italy.

Bridges said he concurred with Senator Arthur Vandenberg of the Foreign Relations Committee that the European recovery programme should be enacted speedily.—Associated Press.

PREMIER TO
RETIRE

Ankara, Mar. 6.
Turkish press reports today said that Nuri Said Pascha, President of the Iraq Senate, and a former Prime Minister is to give up public life and go to Istanbul to live.

It was stated that this decision was in connection with the rejection in Iraq of the recently concluded Anglo-Iraq treaty.

(A Reuter despatch from Baghdad today said that Jamil El Madfal, Minister without portfolio, and also a former Premier, had resigned for health reasons.)—Reuter.

DELIBERATE DECISION
TO WRECK ERP

New York, Mar. 6.

The United States is determined not to let Communist hostility wreck the Marshall Plan, Mr. Charles C. Bohlen, Counsellor to the State Department, told the "New York Herald Tribune" Forum today.

He said that Communist opposition to the European recovery programme was the result of a "deliberate decision to wreck it and thereby prevent the recovery and survival of a free Europe."

"We do not maintain that this programme by itself will bring peace to the world," Mr. Bohlen said. "If the programme is to succeed, it must be protected against the forces seeking to wreck it."

There are already strong indications that the participating countries are drawing closer together in order to permit this programme to move forward to success.

Answering criticism of American "imperialistic" aims, Mr. Bohlen said that imperialism never sought, as did the European recovery programme, the economic independence of countries dependent upon the great powers for assistance.

On the contrary, imperialism sought to perpetuate such dependency.

Commenting on assertions that the programme was a step toward world war, Mr. Bohlen said: "Any such allegation could only be based upon the thesis that the restoration of economic health and political stability, and preservation of free institutions in the free areas of Europe would be so intolerable to Russia and international Communism as to bring about an armed assault on those surviving free nations."—Reuter.

New Soviet
Automobiles

Moscow, Mar. 6.

New Soviet automobiles have gone on sale in the Russian capital. A small four-door sedan model called the "Moskovitch" is being sold to all who have 10,800 Rubles.

It is larger than the American "Crosley" car and smaller than the prewar Willys sedan. Productions are that the trade in Moscow will be brisk and that the Moskovitch factory will be taxed to satisfy the public demand.

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SLOW TO RETURN

Paris, Mar. 6.
Six weeks since devaluation have brought some, but not many, signs of urgently needed stability. Prices were still pressing upwards and demands for higher wages were intensifying unless prices can be reduced. The strength of the free gold market and black market for foreign bank notes indicates that confidence in the franc is returning only very slowly at the best. Exports and repatriation of overseas assets have not yet benefitted much. On the contrary, the free gold market has facilitated gold imports for private hoarding.

Nevertheless, it remains to be seen what will happen when the free market really gets going. A slight easing of the free dollar is not significant since the demand for free dollars can come only from holders of import licences which are not yet being issued freely.

Offerings of free dollars were generally below one million dollars a day, which was disappointingly small but might be enlarged as the United States Government's scheme for forcing the disclosure of some of the concealed French assets in the United States and its influence during the next three months.

Internal and international political uneasiness and the seasonal winter aggravation of food and other shortages were a further handicap to M. Mayer's plan.

The virtual exhaustion of France's official gold and dollar reserves handicaps imports, since U.S. interim aid is inadequate. On the other hand, there are signs of improvement, which include a quieter labour situation. Everything depends on reversing the up-trend of prices.

Gold produced in French colonies will be bought by the Central Bank of French Overseas Territories at the rate which the United States dollars is quoted on the Paris free franc market, that is at around 305 francs per U.S. dollar. The new price, a spokesman for the bank stated, will be retrospective to January 20, the date of the franc devaluation.

According to the Bretton Woods agreement, France has to buy the output of her gold mines at the rate of US\$35 per fine ounce. The spokesman said, but since devaluation, the price paid has been based on the official rate of 254.39 francs per dollar. In application of this rate, the Bank of France has fixed its buying price for fine gold at 235,000 francs per kilo. By paying gold mines at the free dollar rate, the price will be brought to around 340,000 francs per kilo without breaking the Bretton Woods agreement.

Gold on the free market is quoted at present at around 330,000 francs per kilo and producers want paying according to the free market price. Under present regulations, gold mines must deliver their total output to the Central Bank of French Overseas Territories, and are not authorised to sell on the free market or to foreign countries.—Reuter.

London Money Market

London, Mar. 6.
The feature of this week's money market was the huge turnover in funds, occasioned by the repayment of the Government 3% Conversion Loan, Argentine railway pay-out on takeover by the Argentine Government and dividend disbursements on account of National war bonds.

In all, some £490,000,000 were involved in one of the largest turnovers in the history of the market. Heavy payments for new Treasury bills helped to absorb surplus credits while most lenders manage to dispose of their funds although in some cases lower rates were ruling.

Demand for April and May bills remained at a fairly high level but was not always met in view of the abundance of credit. The Bank of England return showed another reduction of fiduciary issue by £50,000,000. Active note circulation, however, revealed that the recent steady contraction has ceased, the week showing an increase of around £5,000,000.

Applications for £170,000,000 Treasury bills totalling £202,000,000 of which £170,000,000 were allotted at an average rate of 10 shillings and 1.10 pence per cent.—Reuter.

U.S. DOLLARS WON'T HALT COMMUNISM

San Francisco, Mar. 6.
Chap Booth Luce, playwright and former Connecticut Congressman, said she is convinced American dollars will not halt the spread of Communism.

"The salvation of Western Democracy lies in a spiritual rebirth among all peoples," she said. "Unless there is such a rebawakening, war will blaze out once again."

"If dollars alone were the answer, Czechoslovakia would not have gone under. Czechoslovakia is a prosperous country. It was not money that bred Communism there; it was force—the invisible force of the Russian Army," she told interviewers.

She said it was impossible for the most intelligent critics of our times to make any real appraisal of what is likely to happen between the United States and Russia.—Associated Press.

Offers To "Die Usefully"

Vicenna, Mar. 6.
A Polish displaced person, sentenced to death for murder, has offered to "die usefully" by steering an atom bomb to its target for the United States War Department. He said in a letter to the U.S. War Department that he had a "strong disinclination toward being hanged" and volunteered his services as a suicide pilot in bomb tests.—United Press.

Karens Deny Plan To Rebel

Rangoon, Mar. 6.
The President of the Karen National Union, Saw U Gyi, today denied that the Union representing Burma's largest racial minority, was organising an armed insurrection to establish a Karen "parallel Government."

Commenting on yesterday's statement by Thakin Nu, Burmese Premier, that the Government was aware that the Union was collecting funds and arms, probably to stage an insurrection with a view to establishing a "parallel Government," Saw U Gyi told Reuter: "We do not want to fight anyone and at the same time we hope that no one will fight us."

The Premier's charge was "ill advised and ill timed" at a time when negotiations were going on for a peaceful settlement of the Karen claims for a separate state. He admitted that there was a deadlock in the negotiations but said that further discussions with Cabinet ministers would take place next week.—Reuter.

BAYONET CHARGE

New Delhi, Mar. 6.
After a bayonet charge by Indian troops, had cleared the raiders from the hill north of Uri, Kashmir, the tribesmen counter-attacked, using 10,000 rounds of small arms fire and 50 mortars.

Indian troops, supported by artillery, broke up the counter-attack and counted 93 dead among the raiders.—The Indian Defence Ministry stated today.—Reuter.

Weekly U.S. Bond Review

New York, Mar. 6.
Sharp declines in various European obligations featured trading, with pressure particularly heavy on Danish and Norwegian issues, reflecting increased concern over the possible spread of Russian domination in western Europe. Renewed talk of currency devaluation was an additional unsettling factor, with Belgians, Dutch and Italians jolting the downward movement but to a lesser extent. Latterly, prices turned slightly firmer but dealings were sharply reduced as traders were inclined to be cautious.

South Americans were easy, with Brazilians and Chileans leading the decline, undoubtedly affected by the action of Europeans. Australians displayed softness in fairly active dealings. On the other hand, Canadians developed a firmer tone.

Domestic rails developed sagging tendencies after early firmness, attributed to sluggish conditions in the security market and lack of investment interest. High grade industrials and utilities drifted irregularly in slow dealings.

United States Government issues worked higher on improved demand, credited to saving banks and insurance companies. World Bank issues were also firm on increased activity, with 25 year 3% selling within easy striking distance of their 1948 top level of 95-7/8.—Reuter.

Bangkok, Mar. 6.
A joint session of Parliament, after five days of debate, today gave Premier Khuang Aphaiwong's Government a vote of confidence, 122 to 25.—United Press.

Inquiry Into Devaluation Rumour

Brussels, Mar. 6.
The Belgian Government has ordered a judicial inquiry into the action of the Belgian press agency "Belga" in reporting rumours of an eventual devaluation of Belgian currency.

Belga reported on Thursday that one of the delegations to the five power conference now being held in Brussels, would make proposals for the simultaneous devaluation of the British pound, the Dutch florin and the Belgian franc. Both the British Embassy and the Belgian Finance Ministry denied this report.

The Belgian Government has decided to deprive Belga of the privileges it has had as an official Government news agency.—Associated Press.

Air Signals Experts To Go On Tour

London, Mar. 6.
A party of RAF and civilian signals experts will leave London on Sunday to inspect the network of aviation signals and communications which has been manned for the past six months by joint RAF and civilian personnel.

The joint service arose from the network established during the war by the RAF. With the increase in civilian airline requirements after the war it was decided to pool services and civilian resources as an experiment.

The party will be led by Air Vice Marshal W. E. Thank, CBE, Director General of Signals, Air Ministry. He will be accompanied by Group Captain C.S. Morison, CBE, Deputy Director of Signals, and Navigation.

She Lost Her Heart In Heidelberg

Frankfurt, Mar. 6.
An American girl who fell in love with a German trolley car conductor in Heidelberg when she boarded the wrong trolley told the "Stars and Stripes" yesterday that they were married on February 21.

The 25-year-old Brooklyn girl, former Miss Gertrud Hilbert, said she met her husband, 28-year-old Walter Wagner, when he told her the way home after she boarded a wrong trolley in Heidelberg. "He was so good-hearted that I could not forget him," she told him again later and he told me he loved me.—United Press.

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"HANYANG"	Amoy, Foochow, Tientsin	5 p.m. 13th Mar.
"NANCHANG"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 14th Mar.
"KWEIYANG"	Amoy, Swatow, Saigon, S'pore & Penang	10 a.m. 10th Mar.
"NEWCHWANG"	Inchon & Fusan	4 p.m. 16th Mar.
"SINKIANG"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Cheribon Batavia & Banka	10 a.m. 25th Mar.
"SOOCHOW"	Inchon & Fusan	Last week in Mar.
"SZECHUEN"	Swatow, Bangkok & Saigon	1st week in April

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"SINKIANG"	Fusan	5 p.m. 7th Mar.
"NANCHANG"	Bangkok	9th Mar.
"NEWCHWANG"	Penang & Singapore	10th Mar.
"KWEIYANG"	Bangkok & Swatow	12th Mar.

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Arrivals from

"AJAX"	U.K. via U.S.A. & Manila	3rd week March
"ACELLES"	U.K. via U.S.A. & Manila	2nd week April

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"YUNNAN"	Australia via M. Jia	3rd week March
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Arrivals From:

Oso via Bangkok
Mar. 9, Brathens, 2 p.m.

Poole via Bangkok
Mar. 10, BOAC (Capt. Foster), 2 p.m.

Manila
Mar. 9, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Philippine Airlines, 10 a.m.

Shanghai
Daily, CNAO, 10.45 a.m.

Mar. 10, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Canton
H.K. Airways, thrice daily:
11 a.m., 1.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.

San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Manila)

Mar. 10, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Mar. 13, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai)

Mar. 11, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Mar. 18, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok
Mar. 7, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Mar. 10, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Departures To:

Bangkok-Poole
Mar. 10, BOAC (Capt. Scandling), 8 a.m.

Singapore
Mar. 8, BOAC (Capt. Payne), 7.30 a.m.

Shanghai
Daily, CNAO, 11.45 a.m.

Mar. 9, Philippine Airlines, 11 a.m.

Mar. 9, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

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MONDAY, MARCH 8

Closing Times By Sea and Train
Canton, 7 a.m.

Mar. 8, Tientsin and Shikhi, 8 a.m.

Manila, Aden, Egypt and Mafelco, 10 a.m.

Calcutta, 11 a.m.

Straits and Rangoon, 11 a.m.

Mar. 8, Tientsin and Shikhi, 3 p.m.

Canton, 3 p.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcel Post for Canada), (Par. and Rec.) 2.30 p.m.

Haiphong and Peking, 3 p.m.

Perman via Keelung and Shanghai, 4 p.m.

Mar. 8, Tientsin and Shikhi, 4 p.m.

Kongmoo, 5 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Closing Times By Sea and Train
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo, Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Cairo, Aden and London, 9.30 a.m.

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Carrick Bend (Everett) from U.K. H.K. Airways, 11.30 a.m.

Hong Kong (H.K. Airways) from Hong Kong, 11.30 a.m.

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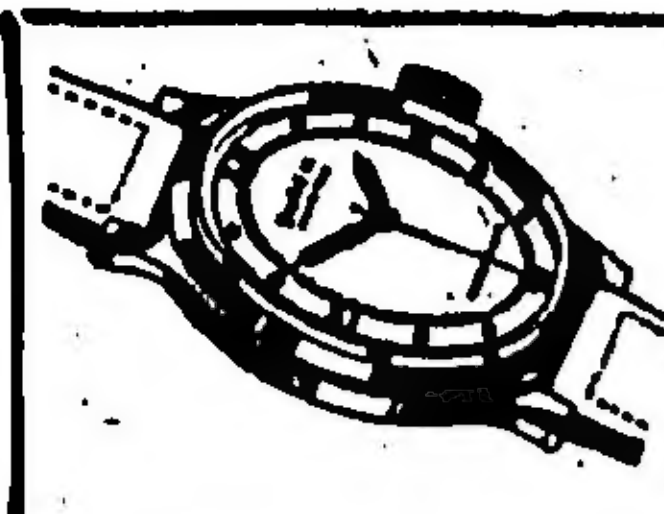
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Willie Cook

Sunderland, Mar. 6.
The Sunderland Football Club's new coach, Willie Cook, former noted Irish international left-back and captain, is one of the select band who possess both Scottish and English Cup winners' medals.
A native of Coleraine, Cook gained Scottish honours when he helped Celtic beat Motherwell in 1931. Two years later he was right-back in the Everton team which defeated Manchester City in the English Cup final at Wembley. — Reuter.

Home Rugby Results

London, Mar. 6.
The following are the results of rugby football games played today:
Royal Navy 9 The Army 8.
Guy's Hospital 9 Nuneham 5.
London Irish 0 Old Allians 0.

London Scottish 39 Richmond 3.
London Welsh 27 St. Mary's Hospital 5.
Middlesex Hospital 8 Strand 3.
St. Thomas Hospital 3 Old Merchant Taylors 17.
Wusps 18 London Hospital 0.
Abercromby 13 Cross Keys 5.
Bath 10 Bristol 6.
Bedford 13 Royal Air Force 7.
Birmingham 6 Abercromby 10.
Bradford 10 Blackheath 5.
Bridgewater & Albion 0 Torquay Athletic 21.
Canbridge University 22 Rosslyn Park 4.
Cheltenham 34 St. Bart's Hospital 5.
Coventry 15 Moseley 8.
Exeter 10 Plymouth Albion 13.
Leicester 32 Harlequins 3.
Liverpool 3 Waterloo 33.
Llanelli 4 Swansea 4.
Manchester 8 Notts 0.
Newbridge 20 Mountain Ash 13.
Newport 5 Cardiff 8.
Northampton 7 Gloucester 5.
Oxford University 38 Oxford 5.
Sheff. 5.

Penarth 16 Lydney 5.
Pontypool 5 Neath 10.
Pontypridd 3 Bridgend 0.
Redruth 10 Devonport Services 0.
Edinburgh University 14 Edinburgh Academicals 3.
Glasgow High School Former Pupils 9 Glasgow Academicals 16.
Hartford Former Pupils 9 Edinburgh Wanderers 9.
Watlington 13 Royal High School Former Pupils 9.

Rugby League Cup
Second round replay:
Bradford Northern 9 Wakefield Trinity 2.
Hunslet 11 Dewsbury 0.

Club Matches
Bellevue Rangers 17 Barrow 9.
Fetherstone Rovers 5 Rochdale Hornets 10.
Hull 2 Bramley 5.
Kelty 9 Hull Kingston Rovers 0.
Liverpool Stanley 2 Batley 15.
Oldham 18 Leigh 15.
Swindon 13 Halifax 11.
Widnes 13 Salford 0.
Wigan 4 Leeds 5.
York 5 Huddersfield 30.
Warrington 21 St. Helens 3. — Reuter.

England Loses By Seven Wickets

Georgetown, Mar. 6.
The West Indies beat England by seven wickets in the third cricket Test match today. The scores were West Indies 297 for eight declared and 78 for three wickets and England 111 and 263.

When lunch was taken on the fourth day of the match, the West Indies required only 62 runs for victory over England.

England, who had followed on 186 runs behind, were all out for 263 in their second innings, setting the West Indies to get 78 runs and by the luncheon interval they had knocked off 19 of these for the loss of one wicket.

The West Indies regained their mastery when the remaining four England wickets tumbled this morning in less than an hour for the addition of 37 runs to the overnight score of 226 for the loss of six wickets.

for with only ten scored their captain, J. D. Goddard, was left before a Laker.

Won Toss
Although putting up a gallant fight England were beaten by seven wickets. The first three West Indies wickets went for 26 runs, but Walcott prevented any further collapse.

By winning the toss the West Indies went all out to establish mastery before those persistent showers played havoc with the pitch. England had been struggling for runs on the first day's wicket since Thursday afternoon, and the West Indies were not at all happy taking the first wicket.

Australia's Team For Olympics

Sydney, Mar. 6.
After a day-long meeting here today, the Council of the Australian Olympic Federation announced the names of 34 men and women who have been chosen to represent the Commonwealth in the Olympic Games in London this summer.

A further 12 have been named, but these will not be selected unless more funds become available to defray their expenses.

Topping the list of those chosen is Miss Shirley Strickland, a 22-year-old West Australian University science graduate, who is claimed to be the fastest women hurdler in the world.

Among other leading choices are: R. Gerrard (wrestling), S. Patterson (cycling), Miss Joy King (athletics), J. Marshall (swimming), R. Gower (boxing) and G. Avery (athletics).

The swimming delegates to the Federation today criticised the selectors and claimed that swimmers had been sacrificed to cyclists and some representatives for other sports, who were not regarded as being in the world class.

A vigorous drive is to be made to provide finance which will allow the seven nominated swimmers to be sent.

The Australian Olympic Federation has a request that six Rhodes scholars at the Oxford and Cambridge universities should represent the Commonwealth in rowing events, but this was turned down.

The Manager of the Australian Olympic team will be Edgar Tanner, Secretary and Treasurer of the Federation since he returned from Amboin, where he was a prisoner-of-war in Japanese hands for three years. — Reuter.

WOMAN BULL-FIGHTER

New York, Mar. 6.
The world's only woman bull-fighter, Conchita Ciron, arrived here today by plane from Portugal en route to Lima (Peru) to dedicate the new bull-ring by slaying the first bull.

The pretty, 25-year-old woman looks more like a model than a matador.

Conchita said she fought 55 bulls last year and earned about \$15,000.

She said she plans to retire soon but "I still enjoy bull-fighting very much." — United Press.

SANTA ANITA DERBY

Arredia, Calif., Mar. 6.
Salmanudi, who came here from South America 60 days ago without a victory to his credit, today captured the \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby from Cal Ball in a stirring home-straight drive.

The William G. Halla colt had to make up nearly three miles in the stretch, but he finished in a fine style, winning the race in 1:58.4.

HOW THEY STAND

FIRST DIVISION										
P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Arsenal	11	19	2	19	25	47	Lincoln	11	11	11
Barnsley	10	14	11	11	25	25	Rotherham	11	17	8
Birmingham	10	15	4	11	25	25	Sheff. Wed.	11	17	8
Bristol City	10	15	4	11	25	25	Sheff. Utd.	11	17	8
Bristol Rovers	10	15	4	11	25	25	Sunderland	11	17	8
Bury	10	15	4	11	25	25	Walsley	11	17	8
Cardiff	10	15	4	11	25	25	Walsley	11	17	8
Derby Co.	10	15	4	11	25	25	Walsley	11	17	8
Manchester U.	10	15	4	11	25	25	Walsley	11	17	8
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Villa	10	15	4	11	25	25	Walsley	11	17	8
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Boro	10	15	4	11	25	25	Walsley	11	17	8
Everton	10	15	4	11	25	25	Walsley	11	17	8
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Grimsby	10	15	4	11	25	25	Walsley	11	17	8

Saints Beat Maple Leafs 3-1

(By Grandstand)
Saint's hitting power was in evidence again as timely blows crumbled the Maple Leaf defence for the Saints to emerge victorious 3-1 in an action-packed tussle highlighted by four double-killings.
Saints runs were collected in a bunched up hitting attack while the Canuck lone marker came off Bill Woo's mace in the third inning when he poled one right out of the park with none on board for a rousing four-mast.

In the morning scuffle, an inspired Filipino squad had the Madcaps on the run most of the way, but a fumble of the last putout of the frisco broke up a seven-all tie in favour of the Madcaps. The Wildcatters climbed to second place when they nosed out the Aces 3-2 behind Lefty Dolly Brown's starchy hurling in the shortest regulation on record—the full tilt taking only 47 minutes of play.

Brown tossed a steady game for the Saints as he only had one and a fanned one, while moundman Kassa Nazarin for the losers struck out two and lived up to his reputation of no free issues. Third sacker George White was the only one to connect for more than one hit, his Lefty Dolly Brown's starchy hurling in the shortest regulation on record—the full tilt taking only 47 minutes of play.

The Maple Leaf outfit blanked the Saints in the opening chapter, and on the second day behind their half of the innings when George White doubled, Mark's sacrifice dump advanced him to third, but the scoring threat was snuffed as Baker hit into a double play when he grounded to Benny Omar who held White at third before rifling his throw to first-sacker Stan Leonard.

Leonard relayed the apple to catcher Hal Winglee who put the bee on White as he slid home in a cloud of dust. No more runs could score. In the next frame although the Canucks had the bases jammed on a pair of safeties.

Ice Broken
The Canucks broke the ice in the third when Bill Woo swung and sent two strikes and a base hit. The easy in-floater out of the park.
The fourth inning saw a determined Saint uprising with their famed "murderer's row" coming up. Ramon Castro received a life as Canuck third-sacker George White bowed the wild-Dave Leonard, who Bam, singled followed by Powerhouse Stan Leonard's rapping scorch to centre, which gardener George Lee failed to stop and three runs topped home. — United Press.

Ten Errors
The Madcaps' outfit the Filipinos had committed 10 errors during the game. The Islanders' seven errors were committed in the last blow of the scuffle with a triple while Ben Sequeira and Leslie Smirke were good for a double. The Wildcatters' mistakes claim on a permanent play-off when they nosed out the Aces 3-2. Both hurlers realised the importance of this game and put everything into every pitch.
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KMB PLAYERS SENT OFF THE FIELD

The First Division football game yesterday between Sing Tao and Kowloon Motor Bus was not played in the proper spirit and shortly before the end two Bus players were sent off the field. The match ended in Sing Tao winning by four goals to one.

At Caroline Hill, Buffs put up an exceptionally good show when they were narrowly beaten by Eastern (Shield finalists) by the only goal of the match. Club registered a well-deserved win over Chinese Athletic by four goals to one, Redman the Club leader registering a "hat trick."

SENIOR DIVISION
Club 4—C.A.A. 1
Club beat C.A.A. by four goals to one in a fast and exciting game on the Club ground. Club played a good game and deserved their 2 points, delighting the crowd with some clever movements. They spread their play with long passes and both their wingers were never neglected. This mode of attack did not suit their opponents and cramped their style of play. Noteworthy of mention was Gardner at outside-right—very fast and responsible for many of the Club's attacks.

Redman proved a good forward and scored two of the four goals. Although well watched by the Chinese defenders, who did not give him much rope, he outplayed them. Forrow was his usual steady self and broke up the Chinese attacks time and again. He was ably supported by Ritchie and Beck, half-backs, especially the former who was tireless in his efforts and a tower of strength. For the losers, Yu Ka Yin in goal was outstanding and had it not been for his brilliant display C.A.A. might have suffered a more disastrous defeat.

Kick-Off
From the kick-off Club attacked. Within a minute Redman, leaving the Chinese defenders, drove a powerful shot which Yu cleared over the bar in grand style. Five minutes from the start, Club drew first blood through Redman. The credit for this goal goes to outside-right Gardner, who, receiving a header from Redman, cleverly eluded a defender to return a well-placed ground-ball for the former to convert.

Two minutes later, Redman almost put Club further in the lead when he headed a high shot from Forrow right into the hands of Yu at close range. The Chinese fought back and were unlucky not to equalise when Mackenzie could not hold on to a stinging shot from outside-left Mow. The ball bounded off his chest and a scrimmage followed. Forrow saved the situation when he cleared the ball just before it entered the goal.

At the other end, Redman was on the aggressive again, dribbling the ball past two defenders to let fly a stinging shot from a difficult angle, only to see his shot pushed over the bar by Yu.
The Chinese, eager to equalise, fouled three times in succession. On the third occasion, Forrow sent in a terrific drive from almost thirty yards and had Yu at full length-executing as he went.
Play then swung from end to end and both goal-keepers were called on repeatedly to clear their charge. At this stage, Yu dominated the play, giving the crowd their money's worth with his fine display between the sticks.
Following a breakthrough on his own, Kwok, inside-right, passing cleverly eluded Forrow, passing the ball to centre-forward Lee for the latter to equalise at close range.

From the kick-off, Eastern swung down the field and Hansen did well to save two hard shots from Lau Fook-chuen at point-blank range. Lau almost gave Eastern the lead when he beat Hansen to the ball and sent it's hand across shot. Fortunately for the Buffs, unfortunately for Eastern, the ball struck the upright and rebounded into play. Shortly afterwards, Club's Chin broke through and sent in two powerful drives which Hansen's hand crossed shot. Fortunately for the Buffs, unfortunately for Eastern, the ball struck the upright and rebounded into play. Shortly afterwards, Club's Chin broke through and sent in two powerful drives which Hansen's hand crossed shot. Fortunately for the Buffs, unfortunately for Eastern, the ball struck the upright and rebounded into play.

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Ideas, UnLtd.

London, Mar. 6.
To "stimulate interest in our national recovery," the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will be asked by Mr. Vernon Bartlett, independent Member of Parliament for Bridgewater, on Tuesday whether he will cause the setting up of a central office for obtaining and dealing with suggestions for greater efficiency from all public servants, employees of nationalised industry and members of the armed forces, with a system of awards.—Reuter.

Swedish LTA Bars Davis Cup Players

Stockholm, Mar. 6.
The Swedish Lawn Tennis Association today decided to bar the Davis Cup players, Lennart Bergelin and Torsten Johansson, from participating in matches abroad.
Unless they comply with this decision, the two players will have disciplinary action taken against them.
At present both are waiting at Cairo—following their tour in India—to play in the Egyptian championships. The dispute with the Association arose when the two players refused to return to Sweden in order to play in the indoor championships.—Reuter.

attacking, drew blood when Mak Wan secured with a fast drive which ended the net just by the left upright.
Buffs attack—sprang into life after this reverse and took the ball to the Eastern end of the field, where Fleet had hard luck with his hands, which Tan just managed to save. End to end play followed, with defences predominating over attacks.
Griffiths was injured and had to leave the field for a short while.

Eastern forwards showed up well in midfield, but when they reached Majendie they faltered. Buffs strove hard to gain the equaliser, but over-eagerness when within shooting distance deprived them of a well-deserved goal.
Buffs' Hansen, Hall, Dickenson, Lillie, Majendie, Griffiths, Gaby, Wright, Fleet, Rodger, Melowship.
Eastern: Tan, Kwan-shing, Pak, Wan-shing, Tsang, Chung-pak, Chan, Chik-wan, Tsang, Shik-son, Lo, Wai-ken, Lo, Pao, Chin, Chik-fan, Mak, Wai-lan, Lee, Pao-chien and Leung Wing-wong.

Sing Tao 4—K.M.B. 1

In a game marked by unpleasantness, Sing Tao beat Kowloon Motor Bus by four goals to one in the First Division of the Football League at Boundary Street yesterday.
The game was closely contested and though Sing Tao were definitely the better team throughout, their defence had some anxious moments in the second half when Motor Bus were continuing their attack. Less than 10 minutes from the end two Kowloon Motor Bus players—Tan Kung-pak and Fung Kwan-shing—received their marching orders. Fung is alleged to have attempted to hit an opponent while Tan Kung-pak was sent off for fouling continually after being warned.

The referee's report will reach the Association in due course. Any comment is unnecessary but it is interesting to note that Chang Kam-ho received more than his quota of warnings for dangerous play and was in the field at the end of the game.
Repeating by the lesson learnt in the last game, Sing Tao used their wingers to the greatest advantage and Lee Ting-shan was given a grilling afterwards by Ho Ying-fan. Tan Kung-pak was not happy in the pivotal position and was often drawn out of position by Chang Kam-ho and Fung Kwan-shing.

K.M.B. were well served by Chan Man-chee and Tait Yee-Kit in the attack. Both players kept throughout the attack. In his defence, Fung Kwan-shing was outstanding.
Sing Tao opened the scoring early in the game through Chan Kam-ho and before the interval Ho Ying-fan added another goal. In the second half, Tan Kung-pak was sent off for fouling continually after being warned.